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ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father
of our spirits, who art good,
whose mercy is everlasting,
and whose truth endureth unto all
generations! Unto thee will we lift up
our souls, and magnify thy name
together.

THOU hast made us and not we
ourselves; we are thy people, and the
children of thy family; we will serve
thee with gladness, and will come
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into thy presence with thanksgiving :
we will give unto thee the glory due
to thy name.

WE praise thee, O God ; we wor-
ship thee, the most glorious and excel-
lent Being, the Creator and Governor
of all things visible and invisible. We
acknowledge thee, the one, living and
true God. Thou art God in heaven
above, and on earth beneath, and
throughout all worlds : there is none
besides thee. Unto us there is but one
God, to whom be glory for ever.

THOU alone art from everlasting,
without beginning of days, or end of
years : we magnify thee, the high and
lofty One, who inhabitest eternity.

THOU art a spiritual and incor-
ruptible Being ; who dwellest in light
inaccessible and full of glory ; whom
no man hath seen or can see. We
would

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would worship thee, who art a spirit,
in spirit and in truth.

THOU dwellest not in temples made
with hands: the universe is thy tem-
ple; thou art present at all times in
every part of thy dominion.

THINE is the greatness, and the
power, and the glory, and the majesty;
all things in heaven and earth are
thine; thine is the kingdom, and thou
art to be worshipped as Lord over all.
Thou art great, and greatly to be
feared; thy greatness is unsearchable.

THOU art perfect in wisdom, won-
derful in counsel, and excellent in all
thy works. To thee, the only wise
God, be honour and glory for ever.

HOLY art thou, O God: thou art
of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;
thy countenance regardeth the upright.

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Thy truth reacheth to the heavens; justice and judgment are the everlasting foundations of thy throne; just and true are all thy ways, O thou King of saints.

THOU art good, and doest good continually: the earth is full of thy goodness; and all thy works bear testimony to thy rich and overflowing bounty. Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from thee, the Father of all. Thy goodness is above all praise; extensive as thy works, and boundless as eternity.

IN thee, O God, we live, and move, and have our being. Through the care of thy providence we continue to this day. It is of thy mercies that we are not consumed; it is because thy compassions fail not: they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. We have slept in safety, and are risen

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risen in peace, for thou hast sustained us. We rejoice in thy providence; and give thanks unto thee with our whole hearts.

In a more especial manner, we bless thee, that thou hast still continued unto us the means of religion; and dost, from time to time, permit us to unite with our brethren in the public services of thy house. We esteem it good for us to draw near unto thee; and we desire, this day, to serve thee with reverence and godly fear.

MAY we shew forth thy praise, and acknowledge thy mercies, with thankfulness and joy. May we confess our sins with unfeigned sorrow, and steadfast purposes of amendment. May we offer up our supplications unto thee, with a humble confidence in thy wisdom and goodness, and with perfect charity towards all mankind. May we

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receive instruction with meekness; lay it up in our hearts, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness in our lives. And may we so attend upon all the means of religion, that we may be established in thy fear, and confirmed in all goodness; and that we may, finally, attain everlasting perfection and happiness, in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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O THOU great Parent of the universe, from whom all things proceed, on whom all creatures depend, and who art worthy of all possible veneration, gratitude, and obedience ! We address ourselves unto thee, to declare our steadfast faith in thy being and providence ; our joy in thy wise and righteous government ; our thankfulness for thine innumerable mercies ; our cheerful acquiescence in thine appointments ; and

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our cordial subjection to thine authority. We desire to employ our noblest powers and affections in the worship of thee, the greatest and best of all beings; and we trust that thou, who knowest our ignorance and weakness, wilt not reject the sincere homage of upright and humble minds.

WE acknowledge and worship thee, the Maker and the Lord of all. We revere the power which formed, and which continually upholds the earth, and the heavens, and all worlds. We admire the wisdom, which at first established the order of nature, and which constantly directs the vast concerns of the universe. We adore and love the goodness, which is manifested in all thy works, and which makes all thy creatures happy. We rejoice in the felicity of thy numerous offspring; and, as children of thy family, we unite with all our brethren, to give thanks

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thanks unto thee our common Parent,
for all thy mercies.

IN a more especial manner, we acknowledge, with unfeigned gratitude, the numberless blessings, which thou hast bestowed upon mankind.

FROM thee we have received the gift of life: to thee we are indebted for our animal, intellectual and moral powers: on thee we continually depend for the preservation of our being, and for all the happiness of our lives. The plentiful stores which nature provides for our support and defence, and for our convenience and pleasure, are the fruits of thy bounty. The relations of domestic life are thy wise and gracious appointment; and all the comforts of mutual friendship and affection proceed from thy goodness.

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To thy providence we owe the establishment of civil society; the institution of wise and salutary laws; the progress of useful knowledge; the advantages of commercial intercourse; and all the improvements and blessings of social life. From thee we derive all our opportunities of becoming acquainted with ourselves, and with thee our Maker; and of acquiring the habits, and enjoying the pleasures, of virtue and piety. To thee we are indebted for the instructions and examples of the wise and good; for the benefits of virtuous education; for the appointment of public worship; and for every advantage which we derive from the sacred institutions of religion.

We acknowledge our unspeakable obligations to thee for the blessings of Christianity; for the excellent rules of virtue which it prescribes; and

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and for the powerful motives which it suggests, to engage us to a steadfast perseverance in well-doing. It is through thine unchangeable and everlasting mercy, that we are made capable of extending our views and desires beyond this present life, and that we are inspired with the joyful and animating hope of immortality.

ALL happiness proceeds from thee: unto thee all praise and gratitude are due. For our past enjoyments, for our present felicity, and for our future hopes, we offer unfeigned thanks unto thee, the Father of mercies, and the Fountain of all good.

To the care of thy providence, O thou our merciful Parent, our constant Benefactor, and our best Friend, we commit ourselves and all our interests. Firmly persuaded, from the general order of nature, and from our own
daily

daily experience, that all things are directed by unerring wisdom and perfect goodness; we desire to banish all anxious cares and distressing fears from our hearts, and to pass through all the changes of this world with a peaceful and contented mind. Under the consciousness of our own ignorance and weakness, thy providence is our support; and under all our afflictions and troubles, thy goodness and mercy are our consolation and joy. We desire to receive all the good things of life with thankfulness, as the gifts of thy bounty; and patiently to submit to all its calamitous events, as the wise and righteous appointments of thy providence. We would enjoy the present felicity, whatever it may be, with a cheerful heart; and leave the events of futurity to thy direction, with a perfect confidence in thy goodness.

WHILST thou shalt see fit to continue us in life, it is our earnest desire, and

steadfast

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steadfast resolution, to answer the ends for which thou hast brought us into being, and to behave as becomes thy rational offspring. In the presence of each other, and before thee, the all-seeing and righteous Sovereign of the world, we do, at this time, form the most serious and deliberate purpose, to correct whatever hath been wrong in our past temper and conduct; to guard against covetousness, pride, anger, malice, envy, uncharitableness, and all vicious affections; to abstain from all irregular indulgence of our appetites and passions; and diligently to perform the several duties of life. We sincerely desire and firmly resolve, to behave with fidelity, prudence, and kindness in our domestic relations; to observe the laws of equity and honour, in all our transactions with our brethren; to be diligent in the business of our several stations; to maintain a grateful sense

business, and to drive away temptations of
gossip

of the kindness of our benefactors and friends ; to exercise a forgiving temper towards those who have injured or offended us ; to shew compassion, and, as far as we have opportunity, minister relief, to such as are in affliction and distress ; and, finally, to preserve our integrity, and persevere in the practice of universal righteousness, to the end of our lives.

WE appeal to thee, who knowest the secret thoughts of our hearts, to witness the sincerity of these our good resolutions. And we trust, that thou, the Almighty Friend and Guardian of the righteous, wilt grant us all needful instruction and assistance in the discharge of our duty ; and wilt reward our sincere endeavours to do that which is right and good, with peace in our own minds ; with the esteem of the wise and virtuous among our fellow-creatures ; with the continual care and blessing

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bleſſing of thy providence in this life ;
and with perfect and endless felicity in
the life which is to come.

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WE addreſs theſe our united devo-
tions unto thee, O Almighty and
Eternal God, with a humble hope of
thine approbation, and with a cheerful
reliance on thy mercy manifested unto
us through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. In
thine unchangeable perfections, and
ſupreme dominion, we rejoice ; and
unto thee, the Father of all, we will
aſcribe glory and honour for ever.
Amen.

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O LORD God Almighty, the
Maker and Possessor of heaven
and earth! We will praise thee with
our whole hearts, and will shew forth
thy wonderful works.

By thy word were the heavens made,
and all the host of them by the breath
of thy mouth. Thou didst say, Let
there be light, and there was light.
Thou hast placed the sun and moon in
the heavens, to give light upon the
earth,

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earth, and to rule over the day, and over the night. The heavens declare thy glory, and the firmament sheweth thine handy-work : day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge : there is no speech, nor language, where their voice is not heard. Thou makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works ! In wisdom hast thou made them all. The heavens, and all their hosts ; the earth, and all creatures that dwell upon the face thereof ; the sea, and all that is therein, praise thee : all thy works, in all places of thy dominion, praise thee ; and we thy servants desire, with our whole hearts, to bless and magnify thy name.

WE offer unto thee our unfeigned thanksgivings for the continual care of
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thy providence ; and, more especially, for our safe and quiet repose during the past night, and for the peaceful and happy circumstances, in which we appear before thee this morning. We thank thee, that, through thy goodness, we still continue to enjoy the blessings of this life, and the means of preparing for the life which is to come. We adore thine unchangeable and everlasting mercy ; and we desire to manifest our thankfulness, by devoting ourselves to thy service, and spending the remainder of our days in obedience to thy commands,

MAY we, at all times, maintain a devout sense of thy perfections ; love thee, the Author of all good ; be thankful unto thee for thy manifold mercies ; and put our whole trust in thy wise and good providence. May our hearts be established in thy fear and love.

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IN all the relations of life, may we walk uprightly, and follow after righteousness. May we do unto others, as we would that they should do unto us. May we love one another, not in name and word only, but in deed and in truth. May we rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep. May the law of kindness dwell upon our lips; and may we go about doing good.

TEACH us to keep our hearts with all diligence, and to order our whole conversation according to thy will. Preserve us free from envy, pride, covetousness, revenge, and malice; and from all corrupt affections. May our minds be adorned with patience, meekness, humility, and all christian virtues; and may we bring forth the fruits of righteousness in our lives; that being acceptable in thy sight, we may finally become

partakers of that happiness, which thou hast provided for the righteous in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, with whom is the fountain of life, and from whom cometh every good and every perfect gift! We thy servants call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to bless thy name for all thy mercies.

WE present unto thee our united thanks for the gift of life; for the excellent frame of our bodies; and for the noble powers of our minds.

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We praise thee, for our continual preservation, and for all the bounties of thy providence. We thank thee, for our daily bread; for the raiment with which we are cloathed; for healthful and fruitful seasons; and for all the supports and comforts of life. We ascribe to thy wise and good providence the success which hath attended our lawful undertakings; the advantages and pleasures of society and friendship; and the blessings of civil government.

We thank thee for our moral and religious privileges, for the benefit of wise instructions and good examples, and for all our opportunities of improving in virtue and piety. Above all, we thank thee, that thou hast been graciously pleased to send thy Son Jesus Christ into the world, to instruct us in the knowledge of thy will, to guide our feet into the way of

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of peace, and to fill us with the joyful hope of everlasting life.

O GOD of mercy, who can declare thy mighty acts? who can shew forth all thy praise? If we would speak of thy mercies, they are more than can be numbered. We will give thanks unto thee as long as we live; every day will we bless thee, and we will praise thy name for ever.

WHILST we acknowledge thy mercies with unfeigned thankfulness, it becometh us to confess, with humble and penitent hearts, that we have sinned against thee. We have disregarded thine authority, and offended against thy goodness. We sincerely lament our past ingratitude and disobedience. We desire to forsake every evil way, and would return unto thee with our whole hearts: and we humbly trust in thy mercy, declared unto us by Jesus Christ

our Lord, for the pardon of all our offences.

MAY our penitent acknowledgments of our past transgressions effectually restrain us from turning again unto folly: and may all our devotions produce in us the fruits of good-living, to the honour of thy name; that, continually advancing in our likeness to thee, the great object of our worship, we may, at length, be trained up to dwell with thee for ever, in thine heavenly kingdom.

WE humbly commit ourselves, and all our concerns, to the care of thy providence, through this night, and the remaining part of our lives. Behold thy servants, O God; do with us what seemeth good in thy sight. Not our will, but thine, be done. We trust in thy wisdom and goodness, that thou wilt feed us with food convenient
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for us ; and we desire, in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content. In prosperity, may we be humble and thankful ; and may we manifest our sense of thy goodness, by being always ready to shew kindness to our brethren. If affliction and trouble come upon us, may we neither despise thy chastening, nor faint when we are rebuked of thee : in the day of adversity, may we cast all our care upon thee, and possess our souls in patience. When thou shalt call us out of this life, may we leave the world in peace ; and, after death, grant, merciful Father, that we may be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting ; according to thy promises declared unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Now unto thee, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY and eternal God; whose power is infinite, whose wisdom is unerring, and whose goodness is unchangeable and everlasting! All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, and shall glorify thy name; for thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone. With all creatures in heaven and earth, we praise thee, the most high God, the Lord of all.

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WE worship thee, the fountain of good, whose tender mercies are over all thy works. All creatures wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season: thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Thou causest grafs to grow for cattle, and herb for the service of man: thou givest food unto all flesh; and the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

WE praise thee, the Creator and Preserver of men. The wonderful frame of our bodies, is the work of thy hands; and the powers of our minds, are the gifts of thy goodness. We are thine offspring; we will praise thee for ever.

WE acknowledge and adore thy kind providence, which hath continually attended us, from the beginning of our lives

lives unto this day. Thou didst preserve us, and provide for us, in the helpless state of infancy and childhood: thou hast guided us through the dangerous paths of youth: thou hast supplied our daily wants; defended us from all danger; and brought us to the present moment in peace and safety. Through the past night, thine eye hath been upon us for good; and we appear before thee, this morning, surrounded with the gifts of thy bounty. We rejoice in thy goodness, and will give thanks unto thee all the days of our lives.

ACCEPT, O merciful Father, our unfeigned thanksgivings: and teach us to manifest the sincerity of our gratitude, by the constant obedience of our lives; that we may, at all times, be happy in thy favour, both in this world, and that which is to come.

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MAY we spend this day in the faithful discharge of the duties of our several stations, and in the innocent enjoyment of the good things of life. May we be in thy fear all the day long; and set thee always before us. May we love thee, our Father and Friend; and keep all thy commandments with our whole hearts.

IN the several relations of domestic life, may we behave with fidelity, prudence, and discretion, and with undissimulated good-will to each other. May we all be of one mind; have compassion one of another; and love as brethren. May we live together in love and peace; that thou, the God of love and peace, mayest be with us.

FINALLY, we pray, that all holy affections may be established in our hearts, and that our lives may be adorned with all good actions; that
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whilst we live, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience, and the hope of thy favour; and that, after death, we may receive an everlasting reward in the kingdom of heaven; through thine infinite mercy, manifested unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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O MOST merciful and gracious
God! We thy servants present
ourselves before thee, this evening, to
render thanks unto thee for all thy
mercies; to confess our manifold trans-
gressions; to renew our good resolu-
tions; and to recommend ourselves,
and all our concerns, to the care of
thy providence.

WE offer unto thee our unfeigned
thanksgivings for our creation, and for
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all the powers of our nature. We thank thee for the supports and enjoyments of animal life, and for the pleasures of friendship, knowledge, and virtue. We bless thee for all the opportunities, which thou hast afforded us, for attaining the highest perfection and happiness of our nature ; and more especially, for the advantages which we enjoy as disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ ; for his holy and excellent precepts ; for his pure and perfect example ; and for the promise of thy mercy and of eternal life, which thou hast given us through him. We praise thee, O Lord, for thy goodness ; and for thy wonderful works to the children of men.

WE acknowledge, before thee, who knowest the secrets of all hearts, that we are not worthy of the mercies which we have received at thy hands. In many things we have all offended.

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Thou knowest our follies, and our sins are not hidden from thee: we confess them with unfeigned sorrow; we desire to walk before thee in newness of life; and we beseech thee, who despisest not the broken and contrite heart, to pardon all our iniquities. O God, be merciful unto us.

TEACH us to discern between good and evil; and enable us, in the midst of the temptations of the world, to hold fast our integrity, and to persevere in well-doing. May neither the hope of reward, nor the fear of suffering, ever lead us to do that which our consciences would condemn. May our hearts be pure and holy in thy sight; and may integrity and uprightness ever preserve us.

OUR outward circumstances in life we leave entirely to the disposal of thy providence. We commit ourselves to

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thy protection, through the ensuing night, and the remainder of our days; with a steadfast persuasion, that, if it be consistent with thy perfect wisdom and goodness, thou wilt defend us from all evil, and continue unto us the comforts and blessings of life. But, whatever thou shalt see fit to appoint for us, we desire, at all times, patiently to submit to thy righteous will, and to place our whole confidence in thy goodness. Be merciful unto us, O God; for our hope is in thee. Leave us not, neither forsake us, O thou God of our salvation; but graciously think upon us for good, both now and for ever.

WE present our humble supplications unto thee in behalf of our relations and friends. Protect them by thy power; guide them by thy wisdom; and bless them with thy favour, both in this world, and that which is to come.

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come. Reward the kindness of those who have, at any time, done us good: and, if there be any who have designed or done us evil, we beseech thee, Father of mercies, to forgive them.

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THESE our humble prayers we present unto thee, O God of mercy, in the name, and as the disciples, of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Now unto him, who is able to do more for us than we can ask or think, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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O GOD, who triest the heart, and
hast pleasure in uprightness!
We thy servants desire, at this time,
to bow before thee with pure hearts
and unfeigned devotion.

WE acknowledge and worship thee,
the one universal Spirit, who art every
where present, and who knowest all
things. All creatures both in heaven
and earth, are continually under thine
inspection. None can hide themselves
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in secret places, where thou canst not see them. Thou weighest the spirits of all the children of men, and confidest all their ways, that thou mayest render unto them according to their works. O Lord, thou hast searched us, and known us. Thou dost compass our path, and art acquainted with all our ways: there is not a word in our tongues, but thou knowest it altogether: thou understandest our thoughts afar off.

WE give thanks unto thee, merciful Father, that thou hast been continually with us to do us good. Thy mercies, which are more than can be numbered, abundantly manifest, that thou art not far from any one of us. Thou hast upheld our souls in life, and made us to dwell in safety. Thou hast been our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Thou hast continually fed and clothed us, and hast given us

richly all things to enjoy. Thou hast preserved us through the past night, and brought us safely to the beginning of this day. When we lie down to rest, thou art our defence; and when we awake, we are still with thee.

WE rejoice in thy universal providence: we thank thee with our whole hearts for all thy mercies; and we desire, at all times, to live in thy fear, and in all our ways to approve ourselves unto thee. May the remembrance of thy presence restrain us from all secret wickedness, in thought, word, or deed, and make us steadfast in well-doing.

MAY we faithfully obey thy will, in the several relations in which thy providence hath placed us. May we behave with due respect and subjection to our superiors and rulers; with kindness and humanity to our inferiors; and

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and with uprightness and good-will to all men. May we shew compassion to such as are in distress; may we be thankful to our benefactors and friends; and may we forgive our enemies. Putting away far from us all bitterness, and wrath, and evil-speaking, with all malice, may we follow after the things which make for peace, and things by which we may edify one another. At all times, and in every condition, may we abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good. We beseech thee, the fountain of all wisdom and strength, to make us perfect in every good work; that we may always do that which is well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth, as
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it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, who art the rewarder of all them that diligently seek thee! We thy servants desire, at this time, with one heart and voice, to call upon thy name, and shew forth thy praise. We will declare thy goodness with thanksgiving, and bless thee for the numberless mercies thou hast bestowed upon us.

WE thank thee, that thou hast made us in thine own image, and given us
knowledge

knowledge and understanding, We praise thee, that thou hast daily supplied our wants by thy providence, and continually visited us with thy favour. We bless thee, above all, for thy great and unspeakable love, manifested unto mankind, by sending thy Son Jesus Christ into the world. We thank thee, that thou hast raised him up, to save us by turning us from our iniquities; to declare unto us the promises of thy forgiving mercy, upon repentance and newness of life, and of thy gracious assistance to help our infirmities; and to fill us with the joyful hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away. All glory and honour, blessing and praise be unto thee, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Fountain of good, for ever.

O God, who art full of long-suffering and forbearance towards the children

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dren of men, we acknowledge that we have disobeyed thy laws, and been unmindful of thy goodness. We lament, with unfeigned sorrow, the errors and faults of our past lives : we desire to forsake every evil way ; and we humbly trust in thy mercy for the forgiveness of our sins. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving kindness ; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, pardon all our transgressions.

CLEANSE us, we beseech thee, from secret faults ; keep back thy servants also from presumptuous sins ; let them not have dominion over us. Enable us to withstand the temptations of the world ; establish our hearts in thy fear ; and lead us in the way to life everlasting.

WE lift up our eyes unto thee, our heavenly Father, from whom alone
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cometh our help, beseeching thee to defend us from all evil, this night, and to keep us under the care of thy providence through the remainder of our lives. Preserve us, O Lord ; for in thee do we put our trust. We pray, if it be thy will, that no evil may befall us, nor any calamity enter our dwelling. But, if thou shalt see fit to afflict us, we desire patiently to submit to thine appointments ; and so to improve our afflictions, that they may, at length, work together for our good. Be thou, O merciful Father, our guide through life, our support in death, and our portion for ever.

Look down with mercy upon all our relations and friends, according to their several necessities ; particularly upon such as are in any kind of trouble or adversity ; and grant unto them whatsoever thou, in thine infinite wisdom, shalt see to be best for them.

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WE offer these our prayers unto thee, O God of mercy, with a humble confidence in thine unerring wisdom and perfect goodness. We beseech thee to overlook the imperfection, and to accept the sincerity, of our devotions. Of thy great mercy, grant unto us such things as shall be good for us, though we may neglect to pray for them; and deny us such things as would be hurtful to us, though we should earnestly desire them. Order all things for us, as seemeth right in thy sight; and do us good, both now and evermore; according to thy promises declared unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now unto God only wife be glory for ever. Amen.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY God! We acknowledge and worship thee, the greatest, the wisest, and the best of all beings.

THOU art from everlasting to everlasting. With thee there is no variableness, nor shadow of turning: thy counsel standeth for ever. Known unto thee, O God, are all thy works from the beginning of the world: by thee actions are weighed; and thou
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THURSDAY MORNING. 47

searchest all hearts. Thou art the righteous Lord, who lovest righteousness, and whose countenance beholdeth the upright. Thou acceptest not the persons of men, nor regardest the rich more than the poor. Thou wilt render unto every man according to his works. Thou art good, and ready to forgive ; and thy mercy endureth for ever.

WE thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for the multitude of thy tender mercies towards us. Thou hast brought us into life by thine almighty power ; and hast continually watched over us by thy providence. Thou hast preserved us in safety, through the past night, and granted us the refreshment of quiet repose. Through thy goodness, we appear before thee, this morning, in health and ease ; with the free use of our reason, and in the enjoyment of the blessings of life. What shall

shall we render unto thee, O Lord, for all thy benefits?

WE desire to shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; and to spend this day, and the remainder of our days upon earth, in a uniform obedience to thy holy commands.

INCLINE our hearts unto thy precepts; and quicken us in thy way. Cleanse us from all hypocrisy and guile; and endue us with that simplicity, and godly sincerity, which are, above all things, well-pleasing unto thee. May our hearts be right in thy sight, that we may, at all times, have an humble confidence in thy mercy: and may we order our whole conversation according to thy will, that, at the last, we may receive thine approbation, and become partakers of eternal life.

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THURSDAY MORNING. 49

IN all our behaviour towards our fellow-creatures, may we be governed by the laws of justice and charity. May we love one another with pure hearts fervently, and do good unto all men as we have opportunity. May we shew compassion to those who are in trouble, and exercise forbearance and forgiveness towards our enemies: may we recompense to no man evil for evil; and may we be merciful, as thou, our Father in heaven, art merciful.

TEACH us to govern our own hearts aright, and to take good heed unto our ways. May we keep our tongues from evil, and our lips from speaking guile. May we not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, but be clothed with humility. May we be adorned with that meek and quiet spirit, which is in thy sight of great price. May we direct our affairs with discretion, and be temperate in all things.

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THROUGH all the changes of our lives, may we be without covetousness, and be content with such things as we have. If thou shalt see fit to bless us with prosperity, may we receive the gifts of thy providence with thankful hearts ; enjoy them with innocence and sobriety ; and apply them to the relief of such as are in distress. May we endure the troubles of life with patience and resignation to thy will ; that our afflictions may bring forth in us the fruits of righteousness, and may work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. When thou shalt call us out of this world, may we have the remembrance of a life spent in thy fear, and a good hope towards thee, to fill our hearts with peace and joy : and, after death, may we be received into thy heavenly kingdom, to dwell with thee, in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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THURSDAY MORNING. 51

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth, as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil: for thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever. Amen.

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PRAYER

P R A Y E R

F O R

THURSDAY EVENING.

O MERCIFUL and gracious God,
the Fountain of all being and
happinefs! We thy fervants unite to
offer unto thee our humble thanksgiv-
ings, for all the good things which
thou haft done for the children of men.

WE acknowledge the wifdom and
goodnefs, which thou haft manifested
in our creation; and will glorify thee
with our bodies and fpirits, which are
thine. We adore thy kind providence,
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which hath brought us safely to the close of this day: and we thank thee for all our personal and family blessings; for all the enjoyments of society and friendship; and for every agreeable and happy circumstance of our lives.

IN a more especial manner, we bless thee for the kindness and love, which thou hast manifested unto us through Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank thee, that thou didst send him into the world to save us from our sins, and to lead us, by his holy doctrine and excellent example, to the love and practice of universal righteousness; and that, in obedience to thine authority, he gave himself up to death, that, being made perfect by suffering, he might become the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him.

WE rejoice in thine unchangeable and everlasting goodness; and acknowledge our transgressions before thee, with an humble hope of thy forgiving mercy. We have, in many instances, been disobedient and ungrateful to thee, neglected our duty towards our fellow-creatures; and followed the evil inclinations and desires of our own hearts. All our offences and faults are manifest in thy sight: we desire to confess them with contrite hearts, and to return unto thee in the way of well-doing. And we beseech thee, who hast taught us, that, if the wicked turn from his evil ways thou wilt have mercy on him, to receive our humble acknowledgments, and to forgive all our sins. Have compassion upon thy penitent creatures, and forsake not the work of thy hands.

GRANT unto us, merciful Father,
the spirit of wisdom and knowledge.
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THURSDAY EVENING. 55

Teach us to judge aright concerning thee our Maker, and the duties which thou requirest of us ; and let all religious truths deeply impress our hearts, and have a lasting influence on our behaviour. Assist us to subdue every vicious affection, and to withstand every temptation ; that we may manifest the sincerity of our repentance by the steadfastness of our obedience ; and that, not being weary of well-doing, we may finally obtain everlasting life.

O God, the protector of all them that put their trust in thee, we recommend ourselves and all our concerns to the care of thy providence, this night, and the remaining part of our lives. Withhold not thy tender mercies from us, but let thy loving kindness continually preserve us. May we be defended from all the dangers of

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this night, and enjoy the blessing of quiet repose : and may we arise, in the morning, in health and peace, and spend the ensuing day in thy fear. Whilst thou shalt see fit to continue us in life, may we so fulfil the duties of our several stations, that, when thou shalt call us out of this world, we may be able to look forward into the world to come, with a joyful hope of immortality. And, when our flesh and heart shall fail, be thou, O God, the strength of our hearts, and our portion for ever.

WE humbly beseech thee, gracious Father, to bless all our relations and friends, according to their several circumstances ; and more especially to shew compassion to such as are in pain and sickness, or in any kind of adversity.

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GRACIOUSLY

THURSDAY EVENING. 57

GRACIOUSLY receive these our humble prayers, which we offer unto thee, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; through whom be ascribed unto thee, the Father Almighty, everlasting praises. Amen.

PRAYER

P R A Y E R

F O R

FRIDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who hast made the heavens, and the earth, and who givest unto all creatures life, and breath, and all things! We thy servants reverence thine infinite perfections, and praise thee with our whole hearts.

GREAT and marvellous are thy works, O Lord God Almighty! Thy hands have stretched forth the heavens; and thou commandest all their hosts.

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By thine appointment, the sun ariseth, and man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour, until the evening. Thou hast established, and dost continually preserve the regular succession of day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest. The heavens and the earth remain unto this day, according to thine ordinance; for all things serve thee.

THE birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and the cattle upon a thousand hills, are thine: thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; thou renewest the face of the earth: thou openest thine hand; they are filled with good. The earth is thine, O God, and the fulness thereof.

WE present unto thee, merciful Father, our united thanks, for the protection of thy providence, which hath continually attended us; more especially,

especially, for the secure and refreshing repose of the past night ; for our present ease and health ; and for the prospect of spending this day in peace and comfort. We ascribe all our enjoyments, and all our hopes, to thy fatherly goodness, and tender mercy : we will praise and magnify thy name ; and love and serve thee, all the days of our lives.

WE desire to manifest our thankful sense of thy goodness, by diligently hearkening unto thy voice, and by doing always that which is right in thy sight. May no iniquity have dominion over us ; but may we be in continual subjection to thee, the Father of our spirits ; living in all good conscience before thee, and serving thee with all humility of mind.

TEACH us, O God of mercy, to imitate thy goodness, in all our behaviour

FRIDAY MORNING. 61

viour towards our fellow-creatures. May we be upright in our dealings; may we be faithful and affectionate towards our friends; may we walk within our house with perfect hearts; and, in every relation and condition of our lives, may it be our desire and delight to do good; that, by the exercise of all kind affections, and the performance of all good actions, we may answer the end of our being in this present life, and be prepared for that world, where love and peace will reign for evermore.

ASSIST us, we beseech thee, to maintain a constant rule over our own spirits. May we be gentle, shewing meekness towards all men, and learn of him who was meek and lowly of heart, that we may find rest unto our souls. May we take good heed to our ways, that we offend not with our tongues. May we speak evil of no man;

man ; may no corrupt affections remain in our hearts ; and may we be holy in all manner of conversation.

DELIVER us, O gracious Father, from the power of sinful habits ; from the snares of the wicked ; and from the influence of evil examples : and enable us to walk before thee, all our days, in purity of heart and life ; that, at length, we may be prepared for an eternal abode in thine heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

FRIDAY EVENING. 63

P R A Y E R

F O R

FRIDAY EVENING.

O GOD, the Father of mercies,
the God of love and of all consolation! We thy servants unite to present unto thee our unfeigned thanks; for all thy goodness and loving kindness to the children of men.

WE thank thee, that thou hast created us in thine own image; made us capable of knowledge and wisdom; endued us with social affections; implanted in our hearts a sense of good
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and evil ; and called us to the fear and love of thee, the greatest and best of all beings. We praise thee for our continual support, and for all the comforts of our lives. Thou givest us healthful and fruitful seasons, and fillest our hearts with food and gladness. Blessed be the Lord, even the God of our salvation, who daily loadeth us with benefits !

ABOVE all, we thank thee, for thy great mercy, in sending thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ into the world, to instruct us by his excellent doctrine ; to guide us by his perfect example ; and to fill us with the joyful hope of eternal life. Thou hast been mindful of us and blessed us : thou hast dealt bountifully with us, and done great things for us. We will bless thee at all times ; thy praise shall be continually in our mouths.

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FRIDAY EVENING. 65

WE acknowledge before thee, O God, who rulest the children of men with wisdom and goodness, that we have not duly improved thy manifold mercies. Though thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, we have sinned against thee. We desire to forsake all our evil ways, and to return unto thee with our whole hearts : and we humbly beseech thee, who art slow to anger and ready to forgive, that thou wouldest pardon all our transgressions. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us ; and grant us thy salvation!

LEAD us by thy gracious hand in the path of our duty ; and, in the time of temptation, let thy good spirit be with us, to keep us from falling. May our minds be purified from all sinful affections ; may falsehood and deceit have no place in our words ; and, in all our ways, may we obey thy commandments ; that, being holy in
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thy fight, we may obtain thy favour, and may, finally, be received into thine everlasting kingdom.

TAKE us, merciful Father, under thine almighty protection, through this night, and the remaining part of our lives : prepare us for all the events which may hereafter befall us ; and enable us, under all the changes of this world, to hold fast our integrity, and do that which is right in thy sight. If, through thy kind providence, we spend our days in prosperity, may we beware lest we forget thee in our abundance : may we not be high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in thee the living God : may we be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate ; laying up in store for ourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life. If thou shalt see fit to visit us with afflictions, may we

we bear them with patience and resignation to thy will ; and may they increase our compassion for the distressed of our fellow-creatures, and our diligence in preparing for our departure out of this world. Under all the troubles of life, may the consolations of religion sustain our spirits : and, in the hour of death, let thy mighty power support us, and let thy mercy, O God, be upon us. Command thy blessing upon thy servants, even life for evermore.

WE pray unto thee, O gracious God, in behalf of all our friends. Supply their wants out of the stores of thy bounty : let thy watchful providence evermore defend them from evil ; and let thy goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their lives.

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WE address our united devotions unto thee, the giver of all good things, in the name and as the disciples of Jesus Christ.

Now to the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, dwelling in light to which no man can approach, whom no man hath seen, or can see, be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

SATURDAY MORNING. 69

P R A Y E R

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SATURDAY MORNING.

EVER blessed and glorious God !
We worship thee, who art exalted
above all blessing and praise, and who
livest and reignest one God for ever.

THOU art the Lord who changeest
not : thy kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom, and thy dominion endureth
throughout all generations. Thou
doest whatsoever thou pleatest, in
the heavens, and in the earth, and
in all places. Thou art righteous in

all thy ways, and holy in all thy works. Thou exercisest loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things dost thou delight.

WE will greatly rejoice in thee, O Lord; our souls shall be joyful in our God. We adore thy wisdom and goodness, which are continually manifested in the government of the world; and we bless thee for every instance of thy loving kindness to the children of men.

ACCEPT, merciful Father, our unfeigned thanksgivings for all our powers of body and mind; for every favourable circumstance in our birth and education; for the continual care of thy providence; for the safe repose of the past night; for all our opportunities of improving in knowledge and goodness; and, above all, for the
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bleſſed hope of immortality, confirmed unto us by Jeſus Chriſt.

ALL theſe bleſſings proceed from thee, the Fountain of good : we will praiſe thee, and not be ſilent ; we will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, for ever and ever.

WE deſire to teſtify the ſincerity of our gratitude, by the ſteadfaſt and cheerful obedience of our lives. May we acknowledge thee in all our ways ; and may thy fear be in our hearts, that we may not ſin againſt thee. May we, at all times, remember that we are under thine eye, and accountable to thee for all our actions ; that we may maintain that integrity of heart, and purity of converſation, which alone can give us confidence towards thee. May we honour and reverence thee, our Father and Lord ; and put our

whole trust in thee, our best and most faithful Friend. May we walk in all thy commandments and ordinances blameless; and serve thee with a perfect heart, and a willing mind.

ENLARGE our hearts, we beseech thee, with good-will to mankind; and dispose us to do good, as far as we are able, to all our fellow-creatures. May we be honest in our dealings; sincere in our professions; and steadfast to our engagements. May we love and esteem our benefactors and friends; and never forget their kindness to us all the days of our lives. If we have enemies, who hate us without cause, may we behave towards them with forbearance and meekness. May revenge and malice have no place in our hearts; but may the remembrance of our own weakness, always dispose us to overlook the faults of others. May we
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not be overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

TEACH us to take heed unto ourselves, and ponder the path of our feet, that all our ways may be established. May we not enter into the path of the wicked, nor go in the way of evil men, lest we become partakers of their sins. May we walk circumspectly, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world; and may we abound in all the fruits of righteousness; that our light may so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify thee our Father in heaven; and that, when we have done thy will on earth, we may receive an everlasting recompense in thine heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come.

come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

SATURDAY EVENING. 75

P R A Y E R

FOR

SATURDAY EVENING.

O GOD who art nigh unto them that call upon thee, to all who call upon thee in truth! We thy servants present ourselves before thee, to acknowledge our dependence upon thy providence, and to render thanks unto thee for all thy mercies.

We thank thee, that thou hast called us into being, to enjoy the gifts of thy bounty, and to be thy ministers for good unto our fellow-creatures. We
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praise thee for all the powers of our nature, and for all the enjoyments of our lives ; more especially, for the social affections which thou hast implanted within us ; for the agreeable relations in which thou hast placed us ; for the opportunities which thou hast afforded us of doing good ; and for all the pleasures which flow from society and friendship.

WE thank thee, above all, for the spiritual blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord ; for the knowledge of thy truth, for the promise of thy mercy ; and for the hope of everlasting life.

BECAUSE thy loving kindness is great, and thy compassions fail not, our lips shall praise thee. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ; and praised be thy glorious name for ever and ever.

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SATURDAY EVENING. 77

O MERCIFUL Father, who art slow to anger, and ready to forgive, and who dwellest with him that is of an humble and contrite spirit; we acknowledge our manifold transgressions with sorrow of heart, and unfeigned repentance. We have been drawn aside into folly by our own corrupt affections. We have been led astray by the power of evil example. We have sinned and perverted that which is right, and it profiteth us not. Our consciences witness against us. We beseech thee, who delightest in mercy, to grant unto us the pardon of all our sins; and to enable us to turn from our evil ways, and to bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

MAY no iniquity remain within us; and may the purity of our hearts be always manifested by the innocence of our lives. May we deny ungodliness, and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously,

righteously, and piously in this present world. Laying aside all guile and hypocrisy, and renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty, may we serve thee with singleness of heart, and have our conversation in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity. At all times, and in every condition, may we do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thee.

THROUGH all the changes of this life, may we hold fast our integrity, and not let it go; that our hearts may not reproach us, so long as we live. If, through thy goodness, we increase in riches, may we remember thee, who givest power to get wealth, and serve thee with thankfulness and gladness of heart in the abundance of all things. And, having freely received, may we freely give; ministering of our abundance to the necessities of our brethren, as good stewards of the manifold

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manifold grace of God. If thou shalt see fit to bring affliction upon us, may we learn wisdom and righteousness by the things which we suffer. Firmly persuaded that whatever thou art pleased to appoint for us is wise and good, may we bear every disappointment, and pass through every trouble, with a patient and contented mind; and may we, at all times, enjoy ourselves in peace, under the care of thy providence. Let all the events of our lives work together to establish us in goodness; and may we be so conducted through this present world, that we may, at length, be prepared for the enjoyment of perfect and eternal happiness, in the world to come.

WE thank thee, the great Preserver of men, that thou hast brought us to the close of this day, in safety and peace; and we humbly commit ourselves to thy protection through the
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ensuing night, and the remaining part of our lives. We beseech thee to bless us and keep us; to lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore; * according to thine abundant mercy, manifested to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now unto God, the Father of all the families of the earth, be thanksgiving and honour, blessing and praise, for ever. Amen.

GENERAL

GENERAL PRAYERS

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MORNING OR EVENING.

FIRST PRAYER.

OEVER blessed and most glorious God, the object of supreme veneration, before whom all creatures bow ! We present ourselves before thee, to pay thee our humble tribute of religious homage.

ALL things proceed from thee, O
God ; and thy presence is the life of
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the world. The whole creation is subject to thy controul; and throughout universal nature thou doest whatsoever thou pleasest. The voice of wisdom speaketh in all thy works; truth and righteousness continually wait before thy throne; goodness and mercy enlighten thy countenance for ever.

WE the creatures of thy power, and children of thy family, offer unto thee our humble thanksgivings, for having called us into being, not only that we might partake of the gifts of thy providence, but that we might contemplate the wonderful displays of thy perfections, revere thy power, admire thy wisdom, and love thy goodness. We thank thee, that thou hast made us capable of distinguishing between good and evil; and hast taught us to seek our chief happiness, in the exercise of virtuous affections, and in the imitation

imitation of thee, the most glorious and excellent of all beings.

WE blefs thee, O thou great Governor of the world, for the watchful providence, which thou haft continually exercifed over us, and for the liberality with which thou haft provided for us. In all our dangers thine eye hath been upon us for good ; and under every calamity, thou haft ftretched forth thy hand for our relief. Thou haft daily granted us the neceffary fupplies for the prefervation of our lives, and given us our meat in due feafon. To thy goodnefs we are indebted for the pleasures which we derive from mutual intercourfe and affection ; from the purfuit and attainment of knowledge ; and from the practice of virtue.

WE prefent unto thee our unfeigned thanks, for our religious privileges. We praife thee, for all the difpenfations

tions of thy providence in support of religion; and more especially for thy condescending mercy, in having appointed thy Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. We bless thee for the instructions which he hath given us concerning thy nature and government, and concerning the worship and obedience which thou requirest from thy creatures. We rejoice in the blessed hope, set before us in the gospel of Christ, that we shall hereafter join the glorious society of just men made perfect, and unite with them in performing the exalted services, and in partaking of the endless felicities of thy heavenly kingdom.

O GOD, the Father of mercies, the Maker and Judge of all men! We recollect with shame the numerous instances in which we have offended thee; and would acknowledge our sins in thy presence with unfeigned penitence.

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FIRST PRAYER. 85

In the general course of our lives, we have not maintained a becoming reverence for thine authority, or regard to thy providence. In the duties of religion, we have not been duly humble, serious, and devout. We have not observed as we ought, the laws of equity and charity in our conduct towards our brethren, or the rules of wisdom and virtue in the government of ourselves.

WE beseech thee, who art long suffering and gracious, slow to anger, and ready to forgive, that thou wouldest pardon all our transgressions. And whilst we supplicate the forgiveness of our past sins, it is our earnest desire and humble prayer, that no temptation may for the future prove too powerful for us. May neither the allurements of vicious pleasure draw us into guilt; nor the difficulties of a virtuous course deter us from the prac-

tice of our duty. To whatever trials our integrity may be exposed, may we have wisdom and resolution to preserve it uncorrupted; that, having endured temptation we may receive the crown of eternal life, which thou hast promised to the righteous by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Now unto thee, O God, the Father of all, be ascribed everlasting praises. Amen.

** Wherever this mark occurs, the Prayers for Morning and Evening, or other occasional Prayers, at the End of the Book, may be introduced.*

SECOND

SECOND PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, in whose hand is the life of every creature, and the breath of all mankind; we give thee humble thanks for the continual preservation of our lives, and for the peaceful and happy circumstances in which we now appear before thee. Our food and raiment, and all our domestic and social enjoyments, are the daily gifts of thy bounty. Thou givest us healthful and fruitful seasons, and fillest our hearts with joy and gladness.

WE praise thee, O Lord, for thy goodness, and for thy wonderful works

to the children of men. We acknowledge ourselves under indispensable obligations to express our gratitude to thee, the Giver of all good, by the constant obedience of our lives; and we at this time renew our resolutions, to employ all our powers in thy service.

O God, the unchangeable and everlasting Fountain of life, perfection and happiness, the greatest, wisest, and best of beings! From the contemplation of thy works, may we daily increase in the knowledge of thee, and attain to more pure and worthy conceptions of thy nature and providence; and may we ever manifest a becoming reverence for thy perfections, and a just concern for the support of true religion both in ourselves and others. Under a due sense of thine almighty power, we would avoid thy displeasure as the worst of evils. From a full persuasion that thou art wise in counsel, faithful

SECOND PRAYER. 89

ful in thy promises, and righteous in all thy ways, we repose an unre-served confidence in all the measures of thy providence. As a being perfectly good, we would love thee with all our hearts, and rejoice in thine universal government. Above all, we desire to yield a constant obedience to thy commandments; that, by the persevering love and practice of righteousness, we may be prepared for that heavenly inheritance, which is incorruptible and fadeth not away.

O God, who art love, and who dwellest in love! We earnestly desire to imitate thine unchangeable and universal goodness. May we behave in our several stations with integrity and kindness; be faithful and affectionate to our friends; and just and charitable to all men. May we put on the ornament of a meek, compassionate and forgiving temper; and
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may every good and generous disposition be daily improving in our breasts, till we become fit for that world, where love and peace will reign for ever.

O GOD of wisdom, teach us the knowledge of ourselves. May we keep our hearts with all diligence, and, amidst the trials and changes of this world, maintain a constant habit of self-government. In prosperity, may we be humble, temperate, and charitable; in adversity, patient and wholly resigned to thine unerring providence. Save us, O gracious God, from anger and malice; from revenge, and uncharitableness; from pride and presumption; from the snares of the wicked, and from the influence of evil examples. Give us prudence, to direct our affairs; resolution, to preserve our innocence; and wisdom and constancy, to retain our integrity as long as we live; that, having faithfully obeyed
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thy will on earth, we may receive the everlasting rewards of obedience promised unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THIRD

THIRD PRAYER.

O MERCIFUL and gracious God !
It is a good thing to give thanks
unto thee, and to praise thy name, O
thou most high ! We thank thee, O
Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for
the innumerable mercies thou hast
bestowed upon us.

WE acknowledge with gratitude and
joy the gift of life. Thine almighty
voice hath called us into being ; and
thy hand hath placed us in this part of
thy glorious works. We thank thee
for the wise and useful frame of our
bodies, and for the noble powers of
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our minds. We thank thee, that we are capable of contemplating the beauty of thy works, and the wonderful order of thy providence ; and of attaining to the knowledge and love of thee, the Creator of the world, and the Author of all good. We thank thee, that thou hast implanted in us a sense of good and evil, and the amiable affections of benevolence and compassion ; and hast formed us for the enjoyment of that happiness which arises from the practice of virtue.

WE bless thee, O merciful Father, that thy goodness to mankind is not confined to this present world ; but that thou hast awakened in us the joyful expectation of immortality. We thank thee for the instructions and examples of wise and good men in every age ; for the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is able to make us wise unto salvation, and for every opportunity,

tunity, which we enjoy, of improving in knowledge and virtue, and preparing ourselves for everlasting life.

O LORD our God, who can number all thy mercies? Thy bounty seasonably supplies our returning wants, and gives us all things richly to enjoy. Fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with unfeigned thankfulness; and teach us to walk before thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

WE look up unto thee, the Fountain of knowledge, beseeching thee to open the eyes of our minds, and enlighten us with true wisdom. May we have worthy apprehensions of thy nature and providence; and a right understanding of that religion which is acceptable unto thee, and which is taught in the gospel of thy Son. May we evermore discern, approve and practise the things which are excellent. May our hearts

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be endued with every pious and virtuous disposition; and under the influence of the great truths of religion, may we correct the vices of our minds, and amend the disorders of our lives; that by purity and righteousness, we may become proper objects of thine approbation.

O EVER present, most holy and righteous God! who searchest the hearts of men, and before all things regardest the pure and virtuous mind; may our hearts be upright in thy sight. In whatever station thou art pleased to appoint our lot; wherever we are, in public or in private, may it be our uniform and steady purpose to discharge our duty with fidelity. May we never remove our integrity from us; and in that solemn day, when thou, supreme over all, shalt judge the world in righteousness, may we appear with humble confidence and joy,

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joy, and be admitted into thy glorious and everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

FOURTH

FOURTH PRAYER.

O GOD, the Giver of all good, who delightest in the happiness of thy creatures! In the exercise of every pure and devout affection, we would raise our minds unto thee, the Lord of life, the Father and Friend of all.

WE thank thee for our creation; for the excellent form of our bodies; for the breath of life; for the light of reason and conscience; for the benevolent and friendly affections; and for all the noble and useful powers of our minds.

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WE thank thee for our continual preservation ; for the food we eat, the raiment with which we are cloathed, and the habitations wherein we dwell ; for capacity to perform the duties of our stations ; for health to enjoy the blessings of thy providence ; for the regular return of fruitful seasons ; for the administration of wise and equal laws ; for the continuance of our liberties, both civil and religious ; for every personal and family blessing ; for every friendly and social enjoyment ; and for all the agreeable and happy circumstances of our lives. These are the gifts of thy bounty ; thy name, O God, be praised for ever.

DISPOSE and enable us, we humbly beseech thee, to express our gratitude to thee, the Author of all our enjoyments, by cultivating every pious affection, and by doing always that which is well pleasing to thee.

MAY we at all times maintain a devout sense, and holy admiration of
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thine excellent nature ; reverence thine authority ; look up unto thee with satisfaction and joy as the Giver of all good ; confide in thy gracious providence ; and yield an unreserved and grateful obedience to thy holy commandments.

As children of the God of love and mercy, and members of the society of mankind, we desire to put on righteousness, mercy, kindness, compassion, humility, meekness, long suffering ; forbearing one another, forgiving one another. By the constant exercise of justice and humanity, we would fulfil the gracious purposes of thy providence, and live in peace and charity with all men.

UNDER a deep sense of our obligations as thy rational offspring, and as disciples of Jesus Christ, we desire to maintain a constant government over ourselves ; to be sober, chaste, and

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temperate in all things ; and to direct our views to a future state, in joyful expectation of thy mercy unto eternal life.

WE humbly commit ourselves, O merciful Father, to the disposal of thy wisdom, which cannot err, and to the care of thy goodness, which is unchangeable and everlasting. Lead us whither thou pleasest ; place us in what circumstances thou shalt judge proper ; we would do thy whole will, with fidelity and pleasure ; we would bear thy whole will, with submission and patience. Bestow upon us whatever shall be truly good for us ; let all events contribute to the improvement of our virtue : and conduct us, by thine unerring hand, through all the changes of this mortal life, to the everlasting habitations of the just, which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *
Amen.

FIFTH

FIFTH PRAYER.

O LORD God^s Almighty, the Creator and Governor of all things ! We behold with admiration and joy the beauty, order, and magnificence of thy creation : we acknowledge thine eternal being and providence ; and we pay homage unto thee, the Fountain of life, and the Author of all good.

WE worship thee, the Creator and Father of mankind. Thou hast made us in thine own image, to contemplate thy works and shew forth thy praise. We are thine offspring ; we will praise and exalt thee for ever.

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WE thank thee, the gracious Preserver and bountiful Benefactor of mankind, for all the blessings of thy providence. By thee all our wants are supplied; from thee all our enjoyments proceed; thou crownest our lives with thy goodness. By day thou givest us food convenient for us; and by night renewest our wearied powers with refreshing repose. To thy providence we owe the raiment with which we are cloathed, our comfortable habitation, and all the fruits of our industry and labour.

WE acknowledge our continual dependence upon thee for our being, and all our enjoyments; and we desire at all times to maintain a grateful sense of thine innumerable mercies, and to manifest our thankfulness by the obedience of our lives.

O God,

FIFTH PRAYER. 103

O God, the Father of light, and Fountain of wisdom! May our minds be enlightened with useful knowledge; and may the truths of religion sink deep into our hearts, and influence all our actions. From a steadfast faith in thy perfections, may we maintain a constant regard to thine administration; submit with cheerfulness to thine appointments; live in thy fear, and order our whole conversation as in thy sight. Under the influence of our holy religion, may we purify our minds from all vicious affections, abstain from every appearance of evil, and abound in all the fruits of righteousness. May the expectation of a happy immortality sustain our virtue in the midst of the most powerful temptations, and establish our souls in peace and joy.

WE resign ourselves, O gracious Father, entirely to thy direction, and

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leave all our interests in thy hands, with an humble hope, that thy mercy will never forsake us, and that thou wilt cause all things to work together for our good. We cheerfully rely upon thy providence, for protection through our future lives; for the supply of our daily wants; and for that share of the good things of life, which thou knowest to be best for us. We desire to receive all thy mercies with thankfulness, and to enjoy them with innocence and moderation: we would patiently submit to thy will under all our afflictions: and we humbly pray, that we may so pass through the changes of this world, as, finally, to be prepared for the enjoyment of perfect and eternal happiness in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
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come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SIXTH

SIXTH PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who art the Fountain of happiness, and whose beneficence extends to all thy creatures! We acknowledge, with unfeigned gratitude and joyful confidence, thy perfect and everlasting goodness; and we render unto thee our sincere thanks for thy manifold mercies.

THOU art the Former our bodies, and the Father of our spirits. Thy hands have made us and fashioned us: thou hast breathed into us the breath of life, and thine inspiration hath given us understanding.

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SIXTH PRAYER. 107

WE thank thee for the powers of reason, memory and speech; for the treasures of knowledge which are opened before us; for the friendly and generous affections with which we are endued; for the social relations in which we are placed; for our moral and religious powers, and our opportunities of improving in virtue and piety; and for all the supports and satisfactions of innocence and integrity.

WE bless thee, the wise and gracious Governor of the world, for the revelation which thou hast made of thy will to mankind by thy Son Jesus Christ, whom thou hast appointed to be the messenger of thy truth and grace, to save us from ignorance and vice, and to lead us to the love and practice of universal righteousness. We praise thee, that by him we are assured of the pardon of our sins upon our return to the path of our duty; that he hath taught

taught us to expect the solemn day of final judgment; and that he hath confirmed to us the joyful hope of immortality. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is good, and his mercies endure for ever.

WE acknowledge, O merciful Father, that we have sinned against thee, in thought, word, and deed. We have, in many instances, acted inconsistently with our christian character, and departed from the holy commandment delivered unto us. We have been unmindful of the perfect example set before us; and forgotten the sure and precious promises to which we are called.

WE beseech thee, who delightest in mercy, and art not willing that any should perish, to grant unto us the pardon of all our sins, and a joyful hope of thine approbation; and to assist us in forsaking all our evil ways,
and

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and returning to the path of thy commandments; that we may at all times enjoy the peaceful reflections of our own minds, and may finally obtain everlasting life.

O GOD, our Protector and Friend, to the direction of thy wise and unerring providence we do entirely commit ourselves. Safe under thy protection, and happy in thy favour, we would cheerfully follow where thou pleasest to conduct us. We desire only that portion of the good things of this life, which thou seest to be fit for us; and would decline no sufferings, which thou shalt appoint, for the trial and improvement of our virtue. Save us, we beseech thee, from the snares of prosperity and of adversity. Suffer us not to forget thee in our abundance; nor to question thy goodness in our distress. In health and in sickness, in life and in death, may we lift up our souls unto

to thee, and make thy goodness alone
our confidence and joy: and may we
so pass through the changing scenes of
the present world, that we may be
prepared for the pure and unmixed
happiness of the life to come.

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MERCIFULLY accept of our evening
tribute of prayer and praise, which we
offer unto thee in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SEVENTH PRAYER.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto thee do we lift up our souls.

WE worship thee, the one living and true God ; of whom are all things ; who art glorious in power, wonderful in counsel, and excellent in all thy works ; who art good, and doest good continually.

WE praise thee for the innumerable mercies which thou hast bestowed upon us. We thank thee, for the continual protection of thy providence ; for the share of health and ease which we enjoy ;

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joy; for the plenty with which our wants are continually supplied; for the success which attends us in our several pursuits; and for every event which contributes to the happiness of our lives.

THOU hast been continually with us; and hast rejoiced over us to do us good. Having daily united to partake of the blessings of thy providence, we do, at this time, unite to give thanks unto thee for all thy mercies.

ENCOURAGED by our past experience of thy goodness, we humbly commit ourselves, and all our concerns, to the direction of thy providence. If thou shalt see fit to preserve us from sickness and pain, and to continue unto us the peaceful enjoyment of the blessings of life, we desire to partake of the gifts of thy bounty, with innocent cheerfulness, with unfeigned joy in each other's prosperity,
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and with sincere thankfulness to thee, the giver of all good. Or if, by thine infinite wisdom, we be called to suffer affliction, in mind, body, or outward estate, we would patiently submit to thine appointments, and, as far as we are able, lighten each other's burdens, by mutual offices of kindness and compassion.

IN every relation and condition of life, may we behave as becomes children of God, disciples of Christ, and members of the general society of mankind. May we love one another, with pure hearts fervently; that we may be, at all times, ready to every good work. May we readily bear our several parts in the concerns of life; and heartily unite our endeavours to promote each other's happiness. May pride and envy, discontent and fretfulness, suspicion and jealousy, anger and strife, and all unsocial and unfriendly passions, be

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put away far from us. May we bear with each other's infirmities; and reprove each other in the spirit of meekness. May all amiable and generous affections rule in our hearts; and may a desire of serving and pleasing each other appear in all our actions. May innocence and virtue adorn our characters; and may friendship and love make their abode in our habitation; that, in this life, we may experience, how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity; and that we may be prepared for an eternal abode in the regions of endless peace and joy, through thine infinite mercy, declared unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord. * Amen.

EIGHTH

EIGHTH PRAYER.

ALmighty God, the Father of all the families of the earth, who art supreme in goodness, and whose tender mercies are over all thy works ! We present ourselves before thee, to express our grateful sense of thy goodness, and unfeignedly to bless thy holy name.

Thou hast created all things, that they might enjoy their being ; and thy mercy is manifest to every creature. Thou lookest upon the earth, and fillest it with thy blessings. Thou art

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gracious, and full of compassion; thou forgiveſt ſins, and ſaveſt in the time of affliction. Thou wilt not deſpiſe the ſupplication of the fatherleſs, nor of the widow, when ſhe poureth out her complaint. The ſoul in anguiſh, the troubled ſpirit, crieth unto thee. Thou loveſt all things that thou haſt made; and thy mercy endureth for ever.

We offer unto thee our joyful thankſgivings, that thou haſt created man upon the earth, endued him with ſtrength and wiſdom, and taught him to diſcern between good and evil. We praiſe thee, from whom all good things proceed, for the bleſſings of health and peace; for the protection of thy providence by day and by night; for the numberleſs gifts of thy bounty; for the preſent rewards of virtue, and for the bleſſed hope of immortality. Thou haſt created man to be immortal,
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and made him to be an image of thine own eternity. Glory and praise be unto thee for ever.

WE will love thee, O Lord our God, and will present unto thee the continual sacrifice of religious veneration, gratitude, and obedience: we will fear thy name, and walk uprightly before thee, all the days of our lives.

IN every relation in which thou hast placed us, may we do that which is good in thy sight. May we keep our tongues from falsehood and slander, and speak every one truth to his neighbour. Let the law of truth be written upon our hearts, that iniquity may not be found in our lips.

SAVE us, we beseech thee, from all those unjust designs, and dishonest actions, which are the fruits of covetousness, pride and ambition. O Lord,

118 EIGHTH PRAYER.

Father and God of our lives, turn away from thy servants always a haughty mind.

• MAY we be ever ready to listen to the supplications of the afflicted; to mourn with them that mourn; and, according to our ability, to give to him that needeth. May we rejoice with our friends in their prosperity, and never forsake them in the time of their adversity. May we be heartily disposed to forgive our enemies the wrongs which they have done us; that our sins may be forgiven when we pray unto thee.

THROUGH all the changes of this world, may we keep innocency, and take heed to the thing that is right; that, whether we be rich or poor, having a good heart towards thee, we may at all times rejoice with a cheerful countenance; and that, in the world
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to come, we may be numbered among the children of God, and our lot may be among the saints.

O GOD of mercy, let our prayers be acceptable unto thee, according to the promises declared unto us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

NINTH PRAYER.

ALmighty God, the Father and the Lord of all! We thy servants and children unite to present unto thee the humble tribute of our praises and thanksgivings.

To thee we owe our existence, and all the faculties and powers by which our nature is distinguished. We acknowledge thy goodness in our creation; and praise thee for having placed us in the order of rational beings, and made us capable of knowing and imitating thy perfections, and of enjoying thy favour.

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NINTH PRAYER. 121

WE ascribe to thy wise and merciful providence, every event, which hath contributed to the improvement of our intellectual and moral powers. All the instructions we have from time to time received concerning our duty, and all the opportunities which our situation hath afforded us, for acquiring virtuous and religious principles and habits, we owe to thee, the great Governor of the world, the Fountain of all wisdom and perfection.

WE acknowledge ourselves in a peculiar manner indebted to thy goodness, for having raised up Jesus Christ, to instruct mankind in the great principles of religion, and to live and die that he might save men from their sins, and conduct them to everlasting happiness. We thank thee that the blessings of christianity have been transmitted to the present age, and have reached this part of the world. Blessed
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be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that unto us the word of this salvation hath been sent.

Grant, we beseech thee, O most merciful Father, that the precepts of the holy religion, of Jesus Christ, by which we profess to be guided, and his example, which we profess to follow, may engage us to live in all respects as becometh the gospel. Like our blessed Saviour, may we love the whole race of mankind with an unconfined and undissembled affection, and rejoice in all opportunities of lessening the miseries, or increasing the happiness of our fellow-creatures; and may we be always ready to stoop to the lowest offices of humanity, and to forgive the greatest and most unprovoked injuries. May the whole course of our lives be adorned by humility and charity; and may all pride, covetousness, censoriousness and envy, and every evil affection, be subdued by the power of religion.

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NINTH PRAYER. 123

OUR outward condition in this world it is our happiness, as well as duty, to refer entirely to thy direction. We desire the continuance and increase of the comforts and blessings of life, only so far as shall appear to thine unerring wisdom, right and good. Concerning the calamities and afflictions to which we are liable, we pray, according to the example of Christ; Father, if it be possible, remove the bitter cup from us: nevertheless, not as we will, but as thou wilt.

WE commit ourselves, heavenly Father, to thine almighty protection and blessing: humbly beseeching thee so to direct and dispose the events of this mortal life, that we may at length obtain everlasting happiness in thy heavenly kingdom, through thine infinite mercy manifested by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. * Amen.

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TENTH PRAYER.

O EVER blessed and most glorious Lord our God, the object of supreme veneration, on whom all the families of the earth continually depend ! We acknowledge and adore thee, the one, true, and living God, who alone art independent and eternal. All the works of thy hands, and all the ordinances of thy providence, bear testimony to thine unbounded power, unerring wisdom, and unchangeable goodness. Thy perfections and government fill our hearts with love and gratitude ; and our lips shall shew forth thy praise.

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WE offer unto thee, the gracious Preserver of men, our sincere thanksgivings, for the daily care of thy providence ; for the continual use of our reason and understanding ; for that share of health and ease which we enjoy ; for the supports and conveniences of food, raiment and habitation ; for the comforts and advantages of friendship and society ; and for all the good things which thou hast bestowed upon us.

UNTO thee belong goodness and mercy ; but unto us shame and confusion of face ; for we have sinned against thee. We have not duly improved the talents which thou hast committed unto us. We have been ungrateful and disobedient to thee, our most bountiful Benefactor, and best Friend. We humbly beseech thee, who desirest not the death of a sinner, to grant unto us the pardon of all our sins. And, that we
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may be proper objects of thy forgiving mercy, we desire to amend whatever hath been amiss in our past lives, and from our hearts to forgive all those who have injured or offended us. We expect mercy from thee, our heavenly Father, only upon condition that we shew mercy to our brethren.

TEACH us, merciful Father, to abstain from all appearance of evil, and to maintain a conscience void of offence, both towards thee and towards all men. Lead us in the way in which we should go; deliver us from every evil word and work; and bring us, at length, to thy heavenly kingdom.

WE rejoice that thou, the Lord God omnipotent, reignest over all; and, we look up unto thee, the Father and Friend of thy creatures, with a joyful confidence in thine impartial providence; and with a humble hope, that thou wilt grant unto us a competent share

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share of that provision, which thou hast made for thine offspring. We desire at all times to perform our duty with diligence and alacrity; and without lamenting what is past, Or fearing what is to come, to enjoy the present hour with a cheerful and thankful heart.

WE would submit with patience to all the disappointments and afflictions of life; from a steadfast persuasion that thou wilt cause all things to work together for good. Yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil. We trust that thou, who hast been our Father and Friend through life, wilt not forsake us in the time of our greatest need. In health and in sickness, in life and in death, into thy hands, O God of mercy, we commend our spirits. Conduct us whithersoever thou wilt; bestow upon us whatsoever thou pleasest; we will

will at all times acquiesce in thine appointments, and confide in thy goodness; and while we have any being we will say, Thy will be done.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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ELEVENTH PRAYER.

O LORD God Almighty ! We praise thee ; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. Day by day we magnify thee ; and we will worship thy name for ever. Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high.

WE give thee most humble and hearty thanks, Father of all mercies, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but, above all, for thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world

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by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful ; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men ! We acknowledge and lament our manifold sins and wickedness, which we have from time to time committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left
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undone those things which we ought to have done : and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We beseech thee, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and forgive, that thou wouldest graciously pardon all our offences. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, truly lamenting and forsaking our sins, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness : and grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

DELIVER us, O most merciful Father, from all blindness of mind, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment ; from all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches ; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness. O God, make clean

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our hearts within us; and take not thy holy spirit from us.

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom; grant unto us thy servants a right judgment in all things: give us a perpetual fear and love of thy name; increase in us true religion; and establish our hearts in all goodness. Direct and preserve us in the way of thy truth, and in obedience to thy commandments; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

O MERCIFUL God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gates of everlasting life, grant that we thy servants, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that daily following the steps of his most holy life, we may finally be received into thine eternal and glorious kingdom.

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WE beseech thee, O almighty and everlasting God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things in heaven and earth, to keep us continually under thy gracious protection. Mercifully look upon our infirmities, and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils, which we have most righteously deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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TWELFTH PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God !
we worship thee the Creator of
heaven and earth, and of all things visible
and invisible ; the supreme Governor of
the world, whose providence is over
all thy works, conducting and disposing
all events for the general good of
thy creatures. We rejoice that thou,
the Lord God most powerful, wise,
righteous and merciful, reignest over
all : we will praise thy glorious name,
and give thanks unto thee, whose mercy
endureth for ever.

WE thank thee, for the original
formation of our natures, and the con-
tinual preservation of our lives ; for the
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share of health, ease and plenty which we have enjoyed; for the agreeable connections in which thou hast placed us in social life; for affectionate relatives, and kind friends and benefactors; for the success which hath attended our labours and pursuits; and for all our opportunities of improving in knowledge, virtue and piety. We blefs thee, in a more especial manner, for thy great goodness in sending Jesus Christ into the world, to inspire us with the hope of immortality, and to direct us, by his holy doctrine and excellent example, in the way to eternal life. Unto thee, the Father of mercies, be glory and praise for ever.

WE acknowledge with shame and regret, that our behaviour has not been suitable to the great benefits which we have received. For our ingratitude and disobedience, thou mightest justly withhold thy bounty from us. But it is our earnest desire and steadfast re-

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solution, to forsake every evil way, and to walk before thee in all purity of heart, and uprightness of conversation. And we humbly trust in thy mercy for the pardon of our past offences, and rely on thy gracious assistance, to enable us to accomplish our virtuous purposes.

O God, the Fountain of all good, grant, we beseech thee, that the contemplation of the displays of thy beneficence to all thy creatures, and the remembrance of the innumerable blessings which thy bounty hath bestowed upon us, may transform us into thine image, and incline us to become, like thee, just and righteous, kind and beneficent. Dispose us to conform to the gracious purposes of thy providence, by promoting, as far as we are able, the happiness of our brethren. Incline us, as we have opportunity, to relieve the necessitous, to comfort the afflicted, to instruct the ignorant, to encourage and assist the honest and industrious, and to

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go about doing good. May we so faithfully discharge the duties of our domestic and social relations, that we may be blessings to our families, our neighbourhood, our country, and the world. Animated by the divine spirit of christian charity, may we make continual advances in our resemblance to thee; till at length we shall be prepared to dwell for ever with thee, the God of love, from whom all happiness flows, and to whom be rendered all honour, gratitude and obedience.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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O THOU eternal Fountain of happiness, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy, and do good; we would call forth every grateful and pious affection of our minds, in devout adoration of thy perfect and unchangeable goodness, and in humble thanksgivings for thine innumerable mercies.

GLORY be to thee, O God most merciful, for all the provision which thou hast made for the happiness of thy creatures of every kind, and for all the blessings which are dispersed,
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with unceasing liberality, through every part of thy creation. We praise thee, more especially, for the numberless blessings which thou hast bestowed upon the human race.

O GOD, the merciful Father of mankind, we thank thee for the wisdom and goodness which thou hast displayed in the frame of our bodies, and in the faculties of our minds. We bless thee for having formed us after thine image, capable of enjoying the pleasures of knowledge and virtue.

UNTO thee our constant preserver and bountiful benefactor, the God of our lives, and the Author of all our enjoyments, we present our humble thanksgivings, for the free and regular exercise of our powers of reason, judgment and memory; for health, peace and liberty; for all our capacities and opportunities of usefulness; for all our social pleasures; and for all the necessary

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sary supports, and the comforts of life. Above all, we bless thee for thine inestimable love manifested to the world by Jesus Christ, whom thou hast appointed to be the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him.

WHO, O Lord, can declare the wonders of thy goodness? Who can shew forth all thy praise? Unto thee, the God of heaven, whose bounty extends to all thy creatures, and whose mercy is everlasting, be ascribed all glory and honour, blessing and praise.

GRANT we beseech thee, gracious Father, that a deep sense of thy loving-kindness and tender mercy may always dwell upon our minds, and engage us to a constant course of obedience to thy laws, and to a patient and cheerful resignation to thy will. From a principle of unfeigned gratitude to thee, our almighty Protector and Friend,

THIRTEENTH PRAYER. 141.

Friend, may we keep all thy commandments with our whole hearts. May we spend the remainder of our days upon earth, in the faithful discharge of the duties of our several stations, and in the innocent enjoyment of the good things of life. Encouraged by our past experience of thy mercy, may we repose the confidence of our souls upon thy providence, and be contented and happy in our condition, whatever it be, from a full persuasion, that it is allotted unto us by unerring wisdom and perfect goodness : and may we so pass through the changes of this world, that we may be prepared for the happiness of the world to come, revealed unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord. * Amen.

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FOURTEENTH PRAYER.

ALmighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth ; we desire with all reverence to worship thy divine majesty, acknowledging thy never-failing kindness and mercy, and renewing our resolutions to continue for ever in thy faith and fear, and in obedience to thy commands.

WE revere thy power, we admire thy wisdom, we bless and magnify thy goodness, manifested in creating, preserving, and governing the world. The sun, the moon, and all the hosts of heaven proclaim thy greatness. The variety, order, and happiness of thy creation

FOURTEENTH PRAYER. 143

creation abundantly declare thy glorious perfections. With all thy rational and obedient offspring we unite, in offering thanksgivings and praises unto thee, the first and best of all beings.

O GOD of mercy, who renewest thy favours continually; we adore thy gracious providence, which upholds us in life, and pours upon us innumerable blessings. Thou givest us the good things of life, and preservest us day by day to enjoy them.

FROM thee, the Father of our spirits, proceed all the treasures of knowledge and wisdom. Thou hast made us rational beings, that we might contemplate thy works: thou hast given us the desire of knowledge, and the means of obtaining it. Reason in the mind of man is the inspiration of thy spirit; and all the advances we are able to make in knowledge, by our
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own industry, or by the instruction of others, we devoutly ascribe to thy good providence. Accept, O God of wisdom, our humble thanksgivings, for all the means of improvement which we enjoy, and especially for the gospel of Christ, which is able to make us wise unto eternal salvation.

WE praise thy name for thine unspeakable goodness and everlasting mercy. We will never forget how much we are indebted to thee; but study to express our grateful remembrance of thy mercies, by doing always that which is well-pleasing in thy sight. We humbly implore the forgiveness of all our sins: we from our hearts renounce every evil word and work; and we devote ourselves entirely to thy fear and service.

O God, our heavenly Father, enlighten our minds, we beseech thee, that we may have right apprehensions
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of thy nature and will ; and purify our affections, that we may perfectly love, and steadfastly obey thee, all the days of our lives. By living in the constant practice of righteousness and mercy towards our fellow-creatures, in an humble sense of thy bounty, and in a temperate and thankful use of thy mercies, may we provide for ourselves the continual feast of a good conscience, and at all times enjoy the supporting persuasion, that thou art our approving Judge, and our Almighty Protector and Friend.

WITH respect to our outward condition in this world, we entirely rely upon thy fatherly goodness and wisdom. We trust, that thou wilt bestow upon us a competent portion of the comforts and blessings of life ; and, through all the changes of this present state, we desire cheerfully to acquiesce in thine appointments, and to be

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contented with such things as we have;
looking for thy mercy unto eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done on earth, as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil: for thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever. Amen.

FIFTEENTH PRAYER.

O GOD, the first and greatest of all beings, our Creator, Preserver and Lord, to whom we are indebted for all the blessings of the present life, and for the hope of that which is to come; we bow before thee under a humble sense of our continual dependance upon thy providence, and of our unspeakable obligations to thy goodness; and we desire to express our gratitude to thee for all thy mercies, by employing every power of our nature in obedience to thy laws, and by cheerfully submitting ourselves, and all our concerns, to the direction of thy providence.

148 FIFTEENTH PRAYER.

SENSIBLE of the imperfection of our past obedience, and humbly penitent for our numerous offences against thee the Author of all our enjoyments; we beseech thee to overlook our errors, and pardon our sins, to confirm our virtuous resolutions, and to assist us in all our endeavours to do that which is right.

INDUE us with a spirit of unfeigned piety towards thee our Maker, with upright and charitable dispositions towards our neighbour, and with contented and humble minds in every condition of life: and conduct us continually to higher degrees of wisdom and excellence; that, being thoroughly purified from all vicious habits and passions, and heartily disposed to every good work, we may be proper objects of thy favour and blessing, both in this world and that which is to come.

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FIFTEENTH PRAYER. 149

IF thou shalt see fit to place us in circumstances of plenty and prosperity, give us a grateful sense of thy distinguishing goodness; teach us that moderation in our desires, which will give us the true enjoyment of life; and inspire us with those benevolent affections, which will incline us to become extensively useful to mankind. In the midst of abundance, suffer us not to sink into indolence and luxury, or to devote ourselves to the pursuits of vanity. Let not any degree of affluence or distinction banish from our breasts the gentle spirit of humanity; or lead us to forget that we are men, and that all mankind, both rich and poor, are brethren, belonging to one great family, of which thou art the common Father.

IF it shall please thee, O thou sovereign Disposer of all events, to appoint our lot amidst scenes of adversity and

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150 FIFTEENTH PRAYER.

affliction; teach us still to adore thy wisdom, and to acknowledge all the ways of thy providence to be right. With humble resignation, may we at all times say, Thy will, O God, be done. Let not any of the disappointments, or adverse occurrences of life, render us dejected and desponding, or morose and fretful. From our own sufferings, may we acquire a greater tenderness of spirit towards all who are in trouble, and a more lively feeling of their distresses. Suffer us not, at any time, to be so discomposed and depressed by the calamities which befall us, as to be insensible of the blessings which we still possess, inattentive to the duties of our station, or incapable of enjoying the supports of religion. Whilst our afflictions teach us the vanity of this world, may they quicken our diligence in preparing for the enjoyment of felicities more pure, exalted, and durable, in the world to come.

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FIFTEENTH PRAYER. 151

THROUGHOUT every changing scene of our lives, we would rejoice in thy government, and pay thee that tribute of grateful homage which is due to the greatest, wisest and best of Beings; uniting with all creatures in heaven and earth, to ascribe blessing and honour, glory and praise, unto thee for ever.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SIXTEENTH PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we worship thy glorious majesty, acknowledging thy sovereign dominion, and magnifying thine eternal power, wisdom, goodness and truth.

WISDOM is displayed in all thy works; righteousness and mercy are manifested in all thy ways. We know, O Lord, that thou art good; therefore do our hearts give thanks unto thee, and our lips show forth thy praise. O let the thoughts of our hearts find favour in thy sight, let the words of
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SIXTEENTH PRAYER. 153

our lips be acceptable unto thee, when we acknowledge thy gifts, O Lord most high!

WE thank thee, that thou hast called us into being, that we might partake of the riches of thy goodness. Thou hast created us, that we might live and rejoice before thee. We bless thee for our portion of health and ease; for our food and raiment; for the society and affection of our relatives and friends; for the success which hath attended our lawful undertakings; for the advances we have been enabled to make in knowledge, wisdom and virtue; and for the hope which we enjoy, as thy rational offspring, and as disciples of Christ, of an happy immortality.

O LORD, our God, how great is thy loving kindness and tender mercy! What shall we render unto thee for
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154 SIXTEENTH PRAYER.

all thy benefits? Alas! what have we rendered? With feeble lips have we praised thee, and with hearts still prone to evil. In the hour of temptation, we have too often turned aside from the path of our duty, unmindful of thee our Creator and Benefactor. Forgive, we beseech thee, our folly and perverseness; let our contrition and repentance obtain thy favour; and let there be an heart in us, always to do the thing that is right.

WE look up unto thee, the Father of our spirits, beseeching thee to assist and direct us in the attainment of the happiness for which thou hast designed us. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, to illuminate our minds with thy heavenly truth; that, being purged from error, prejudice and vice, our desires and passions may be under the continual guidance of reason, and our actions may be conformed to thy most holy laws.

DISPOSE

SIXTEENTH PRAYER. 155

DISPOSE and enable us to serve thee religiously, not with our lips only, but with every purpose of our hearts, and every action of our lives. May we thankfully receive, and temperately enjoy thy mercies; be patient under the chastisement of thy fatherly hand; and be mindful of thy gracious providence in every thing that befalls us.

IN our daily intercourse with each other, may we obey the laws of equity and kindness. May we be honest and just in our dealings; true and sincere, innocent and useful, courteous and gentle in our conversation; tender of the reputation of our neighbour; candid to each other's frailties and infirmities; kind and compassionate to the needy and afflicted; grateful to our friends and benefactors; generous and forgiving to our enemies; and charitable to all men.

MAY

156 SIXTEENTH PRAYER.

MAY we be prudent and discreet in ordering our affairs ; industrious in performing the business of our stations ; moderate in our desires, and temperate in our pleasures ; and, at all times, heartily disposed to every good word and work ; that, by a patient continuance in well doing, we may lay up for ourselves, glory, honour and immortality.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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SEVENTEENTH PRAYER.

O THOU great Creator of the world, whose eternal power, and supreme dominion, are clearly seen from the things which are made; we bless thee, that thou hast endued us with faculties, by which we can discern the marks of wisdom in the works of nature, and from thence obtain a full persuasion of thy being and providence.

By thine almighty hand the sun is fixed in the heavens; the planets are guided in their courses; and light and heat are dispensed to the worlds which thou hast framed.

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158 SEVENTEENTH PRAYER.

THE earth which we inhabit, is full of the riches of thy wisdom and goodness. Thou hast peopled it with innumerable creatures, of various orders, capable, in different ways, of action and enjoyment: and thou hast made abundant provision for their support and happiness. Thou hast created every thing perfect in its kind, and beautiful in its season.

IN the nature and constitution of man, thou hast afforded us the clearest proofs of thy wise and merciful intentions; having formed our bodies with admirable skill, for the purposes of life and happiness, and endued our minds with faculties, by which we may rise to the noblest heights of intellectual and moral excellence.

O GOD, the Author of nature, the source of all power, wisdom and happiness, whose energy sustains, whose presence

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fence animates, and whose gracious influence blesses, the universe; assist us, we beseech thee, to form worthy apprehensions of thy nature and character, and, as far as our faculties will permit, to become acquainted with thy perfections and providence. And let our conceptions of thee, derived from the contemplation of thy works, produce in us the sentiments of veneration, gratitude and submission, and lead us to a diligent imitation of thy moral perfections, and a constant obedience to thy laws.

WE desire at all times devoutly to regard thee as our almighty and righteous Sovereign, and to bear in mind the solemn account, which we must render of ourselves unto thee. Considering the duties of temperance, chastity, honesty, veracity and charity, and all other virtues, not merely as dictated by prudence and benevolence, but as enjoined

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enjoined by religion, may we abstain from every evil word and work, and follow that which is right and good, in conformity to thy most holy will; that the fear of thee may be in us the beginning, and the perfection, of wisdom. Let the principles of true religion take such entire possession of our minds, and have such a powerful influence on our conduct, that we may become objects of thine approbation, and be prepared to receive the rewards which thou hast provided for good men in the life to come.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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EIGHTEENTH PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, the sovereign Lord and merciful Father of all; we, a part of thy family on earth, bow before thee in humble adoration of thy divine Majesty, revering thy glorious perfections, and rendering unto thee our unfeigned thanks for all thy benefits. We are sensible, that thou, who gavest us whatever we enjoy, canst not be profited by any homage we can pay thee. But we esteem it meet and right, that we should preserve in our minds a grateful sense of thy mercies, by devoutly celebrating thy praises, and humbly acknowledging our dependence

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162 EIGHTEENTH PRAYER.

dence upon thee for life, and breath,
and all things.

WE give thanks unto thee, O thou
Father of mercies, for our creation and
preservation, and for the innumerable
benefits which thy daily bounty be-
stows upon us. Every personal and
family enjoyment, every civil and re-
ligious blessing, cometh from thee, the
Fountain of all good. We possess no-
thing, which we have not received from
thine undeserved bounty. Unto thee
do we present the humble tribute of
our thanksgivings for all thy mercies:
and we desire to manifest the sincerity
of our gratitude, by devoutly resigning
ourselves to thee, and by living in a
constant course of obedience to thy
commands. Assist and strengthen us,
we humbly beseech thee, that we may
execute all our pious and virtuous
resolutions.

O God

EIGHTEENTH PRAYER. 163

O GOD, who givest understanding to man, and instructest him out of thy law, grant unto us thy servants such knowledge, as may best enable us to do good, and a sincere disposition rightly to improve the knowledge we possess. Give us wisdom, to choose the thing that is right, and steadfastly to adhere to it all the days of our lives. Teach us to see and consider thee in all thy works; and from the dispensations of thy providence to learn what is good, and what thou requirest of us: and let it please thee, so to direct our words and actions, our thoughts and designs, that, having been instructed how we ought to walk, and to please thee, we may abound therein more and more.

SUFFER US not, we beseech thee, to be drawn aside from our obedience to thy laws, by the love of pleasure, a thirst after riches, or the desire of applause. Preserve in us a constant

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remembrance of thine all-seeing eye, of our own good resolutions, and of the account which we must hereafter give unto thee, the Judge of all. Deliver us from irregular desires, vain hopes, and weak fears; and prepare us by innocence and purity of manners, and a steadfast faith in thee, for all the events of this mortal life, and for our departure out of this world. By the constant exercise of piety, righteousness and mercy; by meekness patience, and moderation; by truth and fidelity, candour and charity; by a humble, resigned and contented spirit, may we lay a good foundation for peaceful reflections, and for the joyful hope of immortality.

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Now unto God, the Father of all, be ascribed glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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NINETEENTH PRAYER.

ALmighty God, who triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness, we thy servants desire to worship thee, who art a spirit, in spirit and in truth.

With all humility and reverence we adore thee, the one eternal and universal spirit, who fillest the whole creation with thy presence; before whom all nature, in its most hidden recesses, is unveiled; who seest, at one view, all things past, present, and to come.

Impress upon our minds, we beseech thee, an humble veneration of

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thee, the great original, and constant support of all life and being. Let the belief of thy universal presence raise and preserve in us an habitual fear of offending thee, and an earnest desire of doing always that which is pleasing in thy sight. Remembering that we are continually under thine inspection, may we not dare to indulge ourselves in any licentious or criminal passions, or in any practices, inconsistent with the law of righteousness which thou hast written upon our hearts. In a presence so venerable and sacred, may we be ashamed to do any thing base or dishonest. Since our thoughts, desires and actions are naked and open before thee, to whom the darkness and the light are both alike, and before whom all the disguises of hypocrisy are vain; may it be our sincere purpose, and constant endeavour, at all times and in every condition to discharge our duty with fidelity. Looking up to
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thine approbation as the highest object of our ambition, may we be heartily disposed to resign every prospect of worldly honour, profit or pleasure, which cannot be obtained without violating our integrity, and exposing ourselves to thy displeasure.

SENSIBLE that we are in continual danger of being misled by self-deceit and partiality in the judgment we form of ourselves, and that no man can thoroughly understand his errors; we beseech thee, to whom the thoughts of all hearts are manifest, to teach us the true knowledge of our own dispositions and characters, and to assist us in subduing every criminal desire and irregular passion; that we may be prepared to receive the rewards which thou hast promised to the pure in heart.

GRANT unto us, merciful Father, resolution and constancy to persevere in

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the path of our duty to the end of our lives. Let no prospect of danger deter us from doing that which is right, nor any inticement of evil example, tempt us to forfeit our hope of immortality. Preserve us, we humbly beseech thee, from every evil way, and conduct us in the paths of innocence and virtue to eternal life.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. • Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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TWENTIETH PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, we acknowledge with all humility our dependence upon thy providence, and our obligations to thy goodness; and we offer thee our unfeigned thanksgivings, for the blessings which thy liberal hand hath bestowed upon us.

OUR bodily senses and rational faculties; the plentiful supply of our daily wants; the pleasures of knowledge; the satisfactions of innocence; the present rewards of virtue, and the hope of immortality; all our past enjoyments, and all our future expectations,
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170 TWENTIETH PRAYER.

are the fruits of thy beneficence. Unto thee, the Author and Giver of all good things, be ascribed everlasting praises.

UNDER a deep sense of our obligations to thy goodness, we at this time renew our resolutions to express our gratitude to thee, our almighty Benefactor, by faithfully answering the important purposes for which thou hast created us.

As becomes rational beings, we would raise our views of life, and our desires of happiness, above the gratification of our appetites and passions; and would indulge ourselves in inferior pleasures, only so far as shall be consistent with the higher pursuits of knowledge, virtue, and religion. From an earnest desire of obtaining the esteem of the wise and virtuous among our fellow-creatures, and of being approved by thee, the supreme Judge of merit,

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we would aspire after the highest attainments in wisdom and virtue.

CONSIDERING ourselves as born, not for our own enjoyment alone, but for the benefit of our friends, our country, and the world; we would cherish the sentiments of humanity and generosity, and cultivate the habits of gentleness, courtesy and beneficence.

WE would keep a constant guard over ourselves, that no criminal desires or base passions may enter our bosoms; that no profane, licentious, false, or injurious language may fall from our lips; and that no actions inconsistent with our religious obligations, or unbecoming our Christian profession, may disgrace our characters.

CONTINUALLY setting before us the example of our divine Master Jesus Christ, may we faithfully imitate his
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unspotted purity ; his condescending humility ; his universal charity ; his readiness to forgive injuries ; his meek, peaceful and contented spirit ; his entire resignation to thy will ; and his diligence in doing good, and finishing the work which thou gavest him to do : that in all things bearing his image, and following the example of his most holy life, we may finally become partakers of the glories of his eternal kingdom.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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TWENTY-FIRST PRAYER.

MOST glorious and ever blessed God ; almighty, eternal and unchangeable ! All thy works praise thee, and bear testimony to thy perfections. The heavens, and the earth, and every thing which we behold, proclaim, that thou art the greatest, wisest and best of all beings. Thou art every where around us and within us ; yet no eye can see thee. no mind can comprehend thee. We bow with the most humble reverence before thee, the great Lord of nature, whose perfections are infinite, whose judgments are unsearchable, and whose ways are past finding out.

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THE whole creation, O God, is thine. From thee it at first proceeded; and on thee it continually depends. All nature is subject to thine authority, and thou orderest all things according to the counsels of thine unerring wisdom. Thy creatures in every place declare thy constant never-failing providence; and all their enjoyments speak thy praise. Thou cloathest them with beauty; thou suppliest them with food; thou upholdest them in being from generation to generation. Blessed be the Lord God Almighty; for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

WE render thee our most grateful acknowledgments, for the numberless blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us; for the supports and enjoyments of animal life; for the faculties of our rational nature; for the benefits and pleasures of social intercourse; for the instructions

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instructions and examples of wise and good men ; for the means of religion ; and, above all, for the hope of immortality, confirmed unto us by Jesus Christ. We will praise thee, O Lord, for thy goodness, and for all thy wonderful works to the children of men.

LORD, what is man, that thou art thus mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him with thy favour? Numberless as thy mercies have been, they have been insufficient to engage us to a constant obedience to thy laws. Thou hast protected and blessed us, but we have sinned against thee. O Lord God Almighty, who art full of compassion and ready to forgive, pardon, we beseech thee, all our transgressions.

THAT our future conduct may be more blameless, and acceptable unto thee, grant, merciful Father, that we
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may be filled with the knowledge of thy will. Give us, at all times, wisdom to discern, and integrity to pursue, that which is right and good.

DISPOSE us ever to pay the most submissive regard to the authority of reason and conscience. In all the duties of religion, in our dealings with our brethren, and in the government of ourselves, may we steadily observe and obey the law which thou hast written in our hearts; that, subduing every irregular desire, and disorderly passion, and habitually living in the practice of every virtue, we may be trained up for the society of just men made perfect, in the kingdom of heaven.

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To God only wise be glory for ever.
Amen.

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TWENTY-SECOND PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God,
we acknowledge and worship
thee, the Maker and the Lord of
heaven and earth.

WE contemplate with devout ad-
miration, thy divine skill, which at
first instituted the laws by which the
world is governed; and which con-
tinually preserves its order and beauty,
and executes, without interruption,
the purposes of thy goodness. We
behold with reverence, the displays
of thine almighty power in the num-
ber, variety and greatness of thy
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works, and in the uniformity with which all nature obeys the laws which thou hast ordained. We survey with joy and gratitude the manifestations of thy beneficence, in the capacities which thou hast bestowed upon thy creatures of every rank, and in the provision which thou hast made for their support and happiness. We worship thee, who art good unto all, and whose tender mercies are over all thy works.

WE bless thee, our great Creator, that thou hast manifested thy goodness to us, by enduing us with the powers of reason, memory, and speech, implanting in our nature the principle of conscience, and forming us capable of knowing, worshipping and imitating thee, the Father of our spirits. We thank thee, our continual Preserver, for the daily supply of our wants, and for protection from the afflictions

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afflictions and calamities to which we are exposed. We praise thee, our divine Instructor and Guide, for the discoveries which thou hast made of thy will, by the dispensations of thy providence, and by the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. We magnify thy goodness and mercy, above all, for the hope which thou hast given us of a future state of perfect and endless felicity. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not his benefits.

O God, the eternal fountain of wisdom and purity, from whom all good counsels, all holy desires, and all just works do proceed, we offer up our humble prayers unto thee, beseeching thee to enlighten our minds, and sanctify our hearts, by thy heavenly truth. What we know not, teach thou us; whatever is amiss in us, dispose us to reform; whatever in us is good, assist us to carry forwards to perfection.

180 TWENTY-SECOND PRAYER.

WITH minds free from indolence, and prejudice, and from the dominion of sinful passions, may we, according to our several powers and opportunities, apply ourselves to the pursuit of useful knowledge. And whilst we are increasing in wisdom, grant, O most merciful Father, that we may make proportional advances in goodness. Having understanding to discern the things which differ, may we also have the virtue and resolution, to prefer those which are most excellent; that our faith and knowledge may bring forth in us the fruits of good living, to our own peace and comfort, to the benefit of our fellow-creatures, and to the glory of thy holy name.

O God, the almighty Guardian and Friend of the righteous, we humbly beseech thee to protect our innocence and

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and sustain our virtue, in the midst of the temptations of the world. Preserve us from all false judgments concerning the ends of living, and the way to happiness. Secure us from the influence of vain customs and evil examples; and, in the midst of the corruptions of the world, give us that firmness and independence of spirit, which will enable us to be singularly and eminently good; that we may be ornaments to our stations, and a blessing to society; and that, continually improving in all amiable and virtuous dispositions, and steadily persevering in a course of exemplary goodness, we may be prepared to meet our last end, with a serene and peaceful mind, and to enter upon the future state with an humble hope of thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom

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come.

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come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRAYERS

P R A Y E R S

WHICH MAY BE ADDED AT PLEASURE
TO THE PRECEDING.

FOR THE MORNING.

I.

O LORD, our heavenly Father,
who hast safely brought us to
the beginning of this day, defend us
in the same by thy mighty power;
and grant, that, this day, we fall
into no sin, neither run into any kind
of danger; but that all our doings
may be so ordered by thy governance,
that we may do always that which is
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righteous in thy fight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, our gracious Preserver, we thank thee for the continual protection of thy providence. When we retire to rest, thou coverest us with the shades of the evening; and when we arise, thou visitest us with the day-spring from on high. Under thy protection, we sleep in peace: when we awake, thou art still with us; and thy blessing is ever upon us. We desire to express our thankfulness to thee, our daily Benefactor, by devoting ourselves to thy service, and spending this day, and the remainder of our days on earth, in a diligent obedience to thy holy commands, in humble hope of thy mercy unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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O GOD, by whose gracious providence we have been preserved through the past night, and are risen this morning with the free use of our rational faculties, and in the enjoyment of the blessings of life; we offer unto thee our sincere thanksgivings, for thy preserving goodness; and we humbly commit ourselves to thy protection and blessing through this day, beseeching thee to defend us from all evil, and to grant, that, in all our thoughts, words and actions, we may keep ourselves innocent and undefiled before thee, and do that which is well pleasing in thy sight, according to the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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FOR THE EVENING.

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ALmighty God, who hast bestowed upon us innumerable blessings, and hast added to all thy former mercies, the safety and happiness which we have this day enjoyed, we offer unto thee our humble thanksgivings for thy daily goodness; and we commit ourselves and all our friends to thy gracious protection this night, reposing the confidence of our souls upon thy providence. After having renewed our strength by a peaceful repose, may we return to the duties of life, with steadfast resolutions to do thy whole will with diligence and fidelity: that when the days of this mortal

mortal life shall be past, we may be received into thine eternal rest and joy; according to the promises of thy mercy, declared unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord. Our Father, &c.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, from whom alone cometh our help; we lift up our souls unto thee, beseeching thee to keep us continually under the care of thy providence, and more especially, to defend us from all evil this night, and to grant us the blessing of quiet repose; that we may arise in the morning in health and peace, to spend the ensuing day in thy fear. Let it please thee, to bless us and keep us; to lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore.

Our Father, &c.

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III.

ALMIGHTY God to whose gracious providence we are indebted, for all the blessings, both personal and social, which we have this day enjoyed; with a grateful sense of thy daily mercies, and humbly confiding in that goodness which hath hitherto continually attended us, we recommend ourselves, and all our friends, to thy protection, through this night and the remainder of our lives; beseeching thee to keep us continually under the care of thy Providence, putting away from us all hurtful things, and giving us such things as shall be good for us, both in this life and that which is to come.

Our Father, &c.

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FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

O GOD, who hast, of thy great mercy, formed us capable of knowing and worshipping thee the Author of our being, and brought us to the beginning of this day, which is consecrated to religion; dispose and enable us, we beseech thee, this day to perform the duties of thine house with attention, sincerity and humility; celebrating thy perfections with devout reverence; confessing our sins with unfeigned penitence; giving thanks unto thee, with a grateful remembrance of thy mercies; and offering up our prayers, with a due sense of our dependence upon thee, and with unfeigned good will towards our fellow-creatures. By attending,
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from time to time, upon the means of religion, may we continually grow wiser and better; more pure and holy; more meek and humble; more resigned and thankful; and more heartily disposed to every good work: that, persevering in obedience to thy will to the end of our lives, we may be prepared for an admission into thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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FOR SUNDAY EVENING.

O GOD, by whose gracious providence we have been led to the knowledge and worship of thee, the one true God, and who hast appointed the public ordinances of religion for our improvement in virtue and piety; we give thee humble thanks for the opportunities we have this day enjoyed, of uniting with our brethren in the worship of thee our Maker, and attending upon religious instruction: and we beseech thee to enable us to manifest our thankfulness to thee, who guidest us by thy counsel, by a diligent performance of all the duties of piety, righteousness and mercy; that, keeping faith and a good conscience, and living in all godliness and honesty,
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before thee our God, and before the world, we may manifest, that we are religious, not in name and word only, but in deed and truth, and may be trained up for everlasting life and happiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRAYER

P R A Y E R

FOR A SICK PERSON.

O GOD, who hast taught us, at all times, and in every condition, to make our requests known unto thee! We offer up our humble supplications, in behalf of thy servant, who is labouring under pain and sickness. Look down upon *him* [*her**] with mercy; and let the consideration of thy goodness strengthen and comfort *his* soul, in the time of affliction. We pray, with submission to thy wise providence, that thou wouldest be pleased to remove *his* disorder, and restore *him* to health. Graciously prolong *his* days

* THE words *his*, *him*, *he*, &c. printed in Italics, may be changed into *her*, *she*, &c. as the occasion shall direct.

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upon earth; and grant, that *his* affliction may produce in *him* the fruits of righteousness, to the honour of thy name. By the sadness of *his* countenance may *his* heart be made better; and may *he* long live, to manifest *his* thankfulness to thee, *his* great Preserver, and to do good in *his* generation.

[BUT, if this affliction should be unto death, may thy servant be prepared to give *himself* up into thy hands, with christian patience and fortitude, in joyful expectation of thy mercy unto eternal life. May the testimony of a good conscience, and the hope of thy favour, support *him* in that awful moment: may *he* leave the world in peace; and, after death, may *he* be received into thy heavenly kingdom, and made a partaker of that happiness, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, and which it hath not entered into

into the heart of man to conceive.
Command thy blessing upon thy servant, O God, even life for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.]

P R A Y E R

FOR A SICK CHILD.

O GOD, the Fountain of all mercy!
We offer up our humble prayers unto thee, in behalf of the child, on whom thou hast seen fit to lay thine afflicting hand. We beseech thee, if it be thy will, to remove the disorder under which *he* [*she*] labours, and to restore *him* [*her*] to health and strength. Suffer not the wishes and hopes of *his* parents to be disappointed; but, in thy great mercy, spare *him* to be the comfort and support of their advancing years, and to be useful in the world.

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But, whatever thou hast determined concerning *him*, thy will, O God, be done. Into thy hands we commit ourselves, and all our enjoyments: we desire, at all times, patiently to submit to thine appointments; and we humbly pray that, by all the dispensations of thy providence, we may be trained up for that world, where there shall be no more sorrow, pain, or death.

THANKSGIVING

FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

WE render united thanksgivings unto thee, O God, who healest all our diseases, and redeemest our lives from destruction, for thy great mercy manifested to thy servant, whom thou hast raised from the bed of sickness, and restored to a capacity of performing the duties, and enjoying the comforts

forts of life. To thy good providence we ascribe it, that this affliction hath not been unto death; and that the voice of health and rejoicing is again heard in our habitation. We will praise thee, O Lord, with our whole hearts; for thou hast dealt bountifully with us. May thy servant, whom thou hast delivered from death, manifest *his* [*her*] sense of thy great goodness unto *him*, by devoting the remainder of *his* days to thy service: and may this instance of thy mercy engage us all to love thee with our whole hearts, and to keep all thy commandments.

P R A Y E R

BEFORE A JOURNEY.

ALMIGHTY God, the Preserver of men! We recommend thy *servant* [*servants*] who *is* [*are*] entering
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ing upon a journey, to the care of thy good providence; humbly beseeching thee, to be with *him* in all places whither *he* may go; to defend *him* from all evil; to preserve *him* from all temptations; to prosper *him* in *his* lawful designs; and, in due season, to return *him* in safety to *his* habitation and friends: that *he* may have a fresh occasion to praise thy name; and that we may long live together, to enjoy the pleasures of domestic life, and to manifest our thankfulness for all thy mercies.

THANKSGIVING

FOR A SAFE RETURN FROM A JOURNEY.

O GOD, who upholdest our souls in life, and who only makest us to dwell in safety! We offer unto thee our united thanks for thy great mercy unto

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unto thy *servant* [*servants*] whom thou hast preserved in journeying, and brought back to *his* habitation in peace. Thou hast defended *him* by thy providence from all evil. We rejoice in thy goodness, and give thanks unto thee with our whole hearts. May thy *servant* manifest *his* thankfulness to thee, by employing the life which thou hast preserved in a diligent obedience to thy commands; and may we all live in dutiful subjection to thee our common Parent and Benefactor, and in love one towards another.

P R A Y E R

FOR A WOMAN DRAWING NEAR THE
TIME OF CHILD-BEARING.

O GOD, who art our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble! We beseech thee mercifully

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fully to regard thy servant, who is drawing near to the time of child-bearing. Take her under thine almighty protection; preserve her from all distressing fears; make her the joyful mother of a living child; and, in due season, restore her to health and strength; that she may long live to be a blessing to her family and friends, and to manifest her thankfulness for thy saving mercy.

THANKSGIVING

FOR A WOMAN AFTER CHILD-BEARING.

ALMIGHTY God, our most gracious Preserver and bountiful Benefactor! We offer unto thee our united thanksgivings, for thy great goodness to thy servant, whom thou hast delivered from the pains and dangers of child-bearing [and made the joyful

joyful mother of a living child.] Thou hast been merciful unto thy servant, and granted her deliverance in the time of trouble. May her heart be filled with unfeigned thankfulness unto thee her great Deliverer; and may she spend the remainder of her days in a course of obedience to thy commandments; that she may, at last, be a partaker of eternal glory and happiness, in the world to come.

A P R A Y E R

ON THE DEATH OF ANY PERSON IN A
FAMILY.

ETERNAL God, without whose direction and providence nothing happeneth to us in life or death! Out of the depths of affliction and sorrow, unto thee do we lift up our souls; for our help and our hope are in thee.

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OUR lives are in thy hands; and all our enjoyments are at thy disposal. Thou didst at first call us into life, by thy mighty power; and, when thou takest away our breath, we die, and return to the dust.

IN the midst of life we are in death: to whom may we seek for succour, but unto thee, O Lord, who changeest not, and who hast been the refuge of the children of men, in all generations! The Lord liveth; let our hearts rejoice; and let the God of our salvation be for ever exalted. Under all the troubles of this mortal life, thy mercy, which endureth for ever, is our confidence and joy. Behold thy servants, O Lord, do with us whatsoever seemeth good in thy sight: not our will, but thine be done. The Lord gave; and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to the lively hope of an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

TEACH us, O most gracious God, by the daily instances of mortality which are before our eyes, and particularly by the present mournful event, to see how short and uncertain our abode on earth is, and so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May we spend the remainder of our time on earth in the faithful discharge of our duty; and live in such a manner, as we shall wish to have done, when we come to die. Whatsoever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might; since there is no work nor device in the grave, whither we are going. Give us grace so to follow the good examples

examples of those, who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, that at length we may with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. May we glorify thee on earth, and finish the work which thou hast given us to do; that, when we shall leave this world, we may rest in peace; and that, being found acceptable in thy sight, we may be received into thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

FORMS OF INTERCESSION.

I.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind! We humbly beseech thee for all conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them;
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thy salvation unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Christian church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all, who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

MERCIFULLY regard these kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland. Let truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and that thou mayest still continue thy favour to us and our posterity for ever.

MOST heartily we beseech thee, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with thy favour to behold our gracious Sovereign King George; and so to replenish him with the grace
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of thy holy spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way, and that, finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity.

WE humbly beseech thee to bless our gracious Queen Charlotte, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue them with thy holy spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom.

[*MAY it please thee to direct and prosper the consultations of the High Court of Parliament, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, and the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and his kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and settled, by their endeavours,

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upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations.]

MAY it please thee, to bless the magistrates of these lands, giving them grace to execute justice and maintain peace; to illuminate all christian ministers with the true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and to grant that all thy people may hear it with meekness, receive it with pure affection, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

FINALLY, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

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O GOD, who hast permitted us at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; graciously receive our humble prayers, which we offer unto thee, in the name and as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; who hath taught us when we pray to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

O GOD,

II.

O GOD, the Creator of heaven and earth, the common Father of all mankind! We thy servants beseech thee to hear our intercessions for all our brethren and fellow-creatures. Let all mankind be united in the pure and holy worship of thee, the true God, as the disciples of Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

SEND down thy heavenly blessing upon every part of the christian world. Put an end to all persecution and usurpation over the judgments and consciences of mankind; lead all professing christians to the right understanding and practice of our holy religion; unite their hearts in charity and godly love; and let their light so shine
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before men, that others seeing their good works, may glorify thee, our Father in heaven.

PRESERVE the peace, liberty, and happiness of our native country: defend us from the designs of our enemies, and from all great and wasting calamities; and confirm, and continue to us, that wise and equal government, under which, in thy great mercy, thou hast placed us.

LET thy servant, our Sovereign King George, be under the continual guidance of thy wisdom, and the care and protection of thy providence.

BLESS and preserve our gracious Queen Charlotte, and all the Royal Family.

[ENDUE our senators with wisdom and virtue, and a true love to their country;

country; and over-rule all their deliberations, for the public good.]

ENABLE all our judges and magistrates to execute justice, and maintain peace; that they may be a terror to evil doers, and a protection to those who do well.

ENLIGHTEN the ministers of the christian religion with true knowledge and understanding of thy word: may they be faithful in the discharge of their important duty; that by the power of truth, and the influence of a good example, they may turn many to righteousness.

BLESS all thy people: dispose them truly to love and fear thee, and to discharge the duties of their several stations with fidelity. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived: strengthen such as do

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stand : raise up those who fall : comfort those who mourn : preserve those who are travelling by land or water : support the aged : provide for the fatherless and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed : shew thy mercy to such as are suffering for righteousness sake : assist all who are in necessity or trouble ; and have compassion upon all who are afflicted.

BLESS our friends : reward our benefactors : forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

MAY it please thee to have mercy upon all men.

O GOD, the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation ; graciously hear our prayers, which we address unto thee in the name and as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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III.

O GOD, who hast taught us to offer up prayers and intercessions for all men! We beseech thee to extend thy mercy and favour to all mankind. May all the families and kingdoms of the earth be brought to the knowledge and pure worship of thee, the only true God. Enlarge the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, that kingdom of truth and righteousness which shall never be destroyed. May all who profess the faith of Christ, be shining examples of virtue; may the spirit of persecution for ever cease; and may peace and charity every where abound.

Look down with favour upon the kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland,

and all our colonies and provinces. May the progress of immorality and prophaneness be restrained; may public virtue prevail, and on that lasting foundation may the public happiness be established; and may our liberties, civil and religious, be continued, and conveyed to the latest posterity.

SEND down thy blessing upon thy servant, our Sovereign King George. In wisdom and righteousness, in justice and clemency may he rule the people; may the years of his government be many and prosperous; may we, at all times, have reason to rejoice in him, as the minister of thy providence unto us for good; and may he at length be rewarded in thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom.

VISIT with thy favour our gracious Queen Charlotte, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. May they cultivate

cultivate all those virtues, which will render them ornaments to their stations, and blessings to the world.

BLESS the King's counsellors, the nobility, judges, and the whole body of the magistracy of this land. May they discharge the duties of their stations with understanding and wisdom, with integrity and honour; and under them may we, and all thy people, lead peaceable and quiet lives, in all godliness and honesty.

ENDUE the ministers of religion, of every denomination, and in every part of the christian world, with the spirit and temper of Christ Jesus. May they diligently pursue the good work of instructing the ignorant, and reforming the vicious; and by the excellency of their doctrines, and the holiness of their lives, may they save themselves and those who hear them.

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WE humbly recommend to thy fatherly goodness all such as are in affliction and distress. Be thou, in thy great mercy, a Father to the fatherless, and the Defender of the widow: provide for the poor; give health to the sick, and ease to such as are in pain: deliver those who are oppressed, and comfort those who mourn.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee graciously to accept the praises, and hear the prayers, which we have at this time offered up to thy divine majesty; according to thy promises declared unto us by Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against

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us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for, thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

IV.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of all mankind, to the protection and blessing of thy providence we recommend all our brethren, of every rank and condition, high and low, rich and poor ; beseeching thee to enable them to discharge their respective duties faithfully, and to enjoy contentedly whatever thou bestowest upon them. Let tyranny and oppression, fraud and injustice, cruelty and inhumanity be banished from the earth. Give all
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men a just sense of the obligations of righteousness and charity, and teach them, in every relation, to do unto others, as they would that others should do unto them.

MAY the rulers of mankind, duly sensible of thy sovereign authority over all, and of the rights of those by whom they are intrusted with the weighty charge of government, obey thee in all humility, and exercise their power, with wisdom, fidelity and clemency.

MAY those who are subject to lawful authority, set a just value on the blessings of equal government, and contribute their several parts towards the public order and happiness, by conscientiously discharging the duties of their respective stations, and leading peaceable and quiet lives, in all godliness and honesty.

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BLESS the rich, with a disposition to do good : teach the poor to be sober, honest, industrious, and contented with their lot : and lead us all, to make a wise and thankful improvement of the blessings which thou art pleased to bestow upon us.

By constantly obeying the laws of justice and humanity, and steadily adhering to truth and integrity ; by the mutual exercise of honour and equity, kindness and gentleness, candour and forbearance ; may we, and all our fellow-creatures, enjoy the blessings of society in this world, and be trained up for the participation of endless felicity in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses,

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as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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